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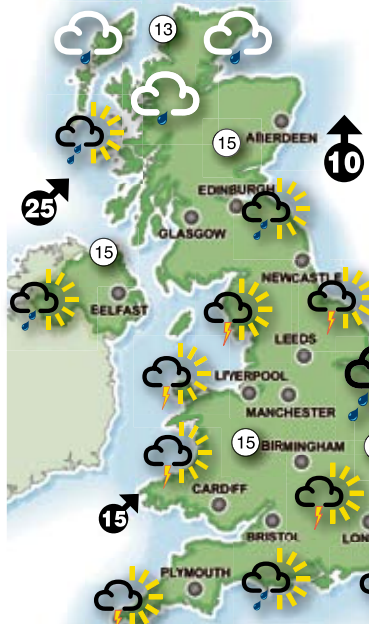


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**OUTLOOK:** A mixture of sunny spells and scattered showers tomorrow which will track northwards and some may be heavy and thundery. Similar weather on Sunday with sunny spells and showers.

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# GENERAL ELECTION: JUST 20 DAYS OF THIS NONSENSE LEFT

## Lab's big Change

LABOUR unveiled its election manifesto with plans to ensure economic stability, cut NHS waiting times and build 1.5million homes.

The Change document also included a national wealth fund to "support growth", an extra £6.6bn upgrading 5m homes to cut energy bills and a crackdown on tax avoidance.

## Garage in leader bid

NIGEL Farage says he wants to lead a "national opposition" to Labour if Sir Keir Starmer's party wins the General Election. A poll put his Reform party 1% ahead of the Tories on 19% last night.

Mr Farage suggested the Conservative party "may well be dead" and he is "capable of leading a national opposition".

## Binface in the race

COUNT Binface said he is "ready to roll" as he guns for Rishi "Biggles" Sunak's North Yorkshire seat.

The self-described intergalactic space warrior will be standing in the upcoming election on July 4 in Richmond and Northallerton.

The character, created by Jonathan David Harvey, said: "I'm still standing."



**'Do you like me?'**



**FINALLY** it appeared someone was pleased to see Rishi "Biggles" Sunak. He met his "biggest fan", the Italian PM Giorgia Meloni, at the G7 summit. The pair beamed as they warmly greeted each other by an olive tree in Puglia. Sunak clasped Meloni's hands and they appeared to share a joke together. They later chatted with American leader Joe Biden, French President Emmanuel Macron and Volodymyr Zelensky, left, ahead of the sit-down talks.

# DUMBER MPs FEELING HEAT

## Summer hits brain activity

MPs use simpler language on hot days, according to boffins.

High temperatures lead to a "significant and immediate" dip in politicians' language complexity, a report found.

Politicians, such as Brainless Dominic Raab, tend to cut speeches shorter in summer.

And the effect of hot weather was greater on the language

by STEPHEN BEECH

of older politicians. The findings suggest that people's thinking ability is reduced by heat, with "real and immediate" consequences.

Study author Dr Risto Conte Keivabu, of the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Germany, said: "Heat has long been associated with a range of negative

health outcomes, including decreased productivity and cognitive performance.

"Our study highlights that this phenomenon extends to politicians, who are tasked with critical responsibilities"

The research team collected millions of parliamentary speeches in eight countries.

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HOT CLOT: Mr Raab





FOOTIE FIGHT: Rocker Fan Noel bent out of shape

WONDERWALL star Noel Gallagher reckons he got his famous crooked nose after being knocked out by a football hooligan.

The former Oasis guitarist travelled up and down the country with his friends to follow his beloved Man City in the 80s.

Noel explained: "I got into a lot of scrapes.

"One minute I was walking past this bus shelter and the next thing, I was waking up in the bus shelter. I'd got two black eyes and a busted nose.

"I never went to get my nose fixed — that's why it's still crooked now."

**Puzzles**

**HOURS OF FUN**  
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RETIRED: Farah Mo can not run for toffee

SIR Mo Farah reckons he'll have a big belly within a year because he's hooked on sticky toffee pudding.

The retired Olympian also loves a McDonald's — wolfing down a fast food feast after winning the 10,000m at London 2012.

He only runs 10 miles a week now — down from his usual 135 — since retiring in September.

Mo, 41, said: "I'm chilling out, spending more time with the kids."

When asked about his fitness levels, he said: "Give it another year... it will be like Mo Belly's coming for you!"

Picture: JEANY SAVAGE



Billie

★ **BILLIE'S** marooned on a desert island and is desperate to hail a passing ship.

★ "I was hoping to land a role in the next *Pirates Of The Caribbean*," says the 24-year-old beauty from Kent.

★ It's certainly a rum do if you can't attract a rescue in that outfit.

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# Swifty made Earth move..



## SHAKE IT OFF GIG TREMORS

**TAYLOR Swift has literally made the Earth move for her legions of fans.**

Nearly 73,000 Swifties rocked out at Murrayfield Stadium in Edinburgh over the weekend, leading to earthquake readings up to 3.7 miles away.

The British Geological Survey said fans on Friday — the first UK night of Swift's global Eras tour — generated the most seismic activity. Spikes caused

by Tay Tay's fans dancing occurred during Cruel Summer, Ready For It? and Shake It Off.

The BGS said around 80kW of energy — the same as around 6,000 car batteries — was transmitted.

Seismologist Callum Harrison said: "Clearly Scotland's reputation for providing some of the most enthusiastic audiences remains well intact."

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★ **JENNIFER and Shannon**, Taylor Swift fans from Jersey, with merchandise outside Anfield stadium ahead of her series of concerts at the Liverpool venue.



# UEFA PUTS PLANS IN PLACE



KICKING OFF: Fan grabbed

## Serbian fans in training clashes

ANGRY Serbian fans clashed with police during their own team's training session.

Supporters hurled abuse and a flare at officers after they detained a schoolboy who invaded the pitch during the kickabout ahead of Serbia's opening Euro 2024 group match against England on Sunday.

The trouble started when more than 8,000 fans turned up to try and watch their heroes being put through their paces at the Rosenaustadion in Augsburg on Wednesday.

Only 3,000 were allowed in – leaving 5,000 disgruntled followers locked out.

When a boy tried to run on to the pitch police swooped, grabbing him and leading him away.

That triggered a chorus of angry boos from the spectators.

A flare thrown towards the police landed on a running track just yards from the players.

The crowd was ordered to leave and the training session soon ended.

German police fear up to 500 Serbian Ultras could try to cause trouble at the team's clash with England in Gelsenkirchen.

The match has been designated "high risk" for trouble.

## Gaz voted England's best boss

GARETH Southgate has been voted the greatest ever Three Lions' manager.

Alf Ramsey, who led England to their only World Cup title in 1966, was second and Sir Bobby Robson third.

Some 39% believe England will make it to the final of the Euros which kicks off today.

And almost a fifth reckon the Three Lions will finally lift the trophy this summer, the Amazon Fire TV study found.

# TALKING



## SCOTLAND THE RAVE

★ KILT-clad Scotland fans drank bars dry as they invaded Munich ahead of tonight's opening clash with Germany.

Thousands descended on the city for the biggest party on foreign soil in 26 years – dubbed "Scotoberfest".

★ Arriving by plane, train, campervan and even bicycle, Scots packed out Munich's square with pipers since early morning for the nation's first major tournament abroad since 1998.

Munich tourist board expects up to 100,000 Scots over the next two days.



COOLING OFF: A Scotland fan jumps into the fountain at Munich's Marienplatz



## Sensors in hi-tech kit will reveal cheat stars

■ by JERRY LAWTON in Germany  
ENGLAND will never be caught out again after Euro 2024 bosses introduced a bot ball to wipe out Hand Of God incidents.

All match balls at the tournament have been fitted with motion-sensing microchips which can track every touch at the rate of 500 times-a-second.

The artificial intelligence is sensitive enough to determine beyond doubt if a ball brushed a hand in the penalty area or whether a player strayed offside.

It is part of a transparency drive by UEFA to help reduce fan frustration with VAR.

### Image

It will end any possibility of a repeat of late Argentina star Diego Maradona's goal in the 1986 World Cup quarter-final or Frank Lampard's strike, which was ruled out in 2010 against Germany.

Roberto Rosetti, UEFA's chief refereeing officer, said: "We have the best technology available."

Refs will also now be able to explain the reasons for VAR rulings to captains or other nominated players.

Rosetti, who has clarified the change to all 24 teams, added: "We are doing this for football."

"For the image of the game, for the next generation of young players and referees, for the image of football."

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# TO BOOT OUT DIRTY TACTICS

# BALLS



## Lorry hit by booze cock-up

THREE Lions fans face a Euro 2024 beer crisis after a lorry shed its load turning the street into a frothy river of lager.

Dozens of boxes of German Berliner Kindl beer lay in the road surrounded by broken bottles as ale flowed away into roadside drains.

Disaster struck in Berlin just 48 hours before the tournament's kick off tonight.

The authorities are still probing the cause of the accident.

The Berlin City Cleaning Service was busy scrubbing the street until after midnight.

One local commented: "A true German misery." Another stated: "All hope is lost."

## Jude vid boost to players

ADIDAS has released a new ad featuring England star Jude Bellingham and his bid to help his team to Euros glory.

Set to the Beatles classic Hey Jude, the ad encourages the Real Madrid star, inset, and his teammates to "take a sad song and make it better" - in reference to past failures.

David Beckham and Frank Lampard are also featured in the film, alongside an appearance from Stormzy.



## Beer fan brewing contest

FOOTBALL fan Gus Hully plans to hold his own Euro 2024 tournament - with beer.

He has bought ales from all 24 nations competing, including Scotland's Vault City Iron Brew and Jeremy Clarkson's Hawkstone Lager.

Every time a nation gets eliminated he will polish off a tipple.

The end of the group stage - when eight teams will be booted out - should trigger a booze fest.

Gus, 37, from Bromley, east London, said: "The beers have actually been brewed in their home countries.

"But for Slovenia I had to import it. I know a guy over there who collects beer and he was able to send it to me."

**FIRED UP:** Harry Kane in training ahead of England's opening game on Sunday. Inset, Jordan Pickford



**WILD CARD:** Dean Henderson, Bukayo Saka, Ollie Watkins, Jarrod Bowen and Lewis Dunk play Uno on the team bus. Below, Eberechi Eze on the pool table while Conor Gallagher gets some darts practice



## Let the Games begin



★ THREE Lions aces get down to a game of Uno while Conor Gallagher steps up to the oche, right, and Eberechi Eze shoots some pool, left.

★ Chelsea ace Conor, 24, said he was taking on defender Marc Guehi, 23, in daily contests at the team hotel. He said: "We have little competitions - table tennis, Mario Kart, darts... although I'm not very good."







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SUNSHINE: On beach  
Heat is coming ..at last

JULY is set to be an “amaz-ing” month for weather, with “mega-heatwave” conditions and tempera-tures above 35C, according to a leading forecaster.

Despite a washout June, Exacta Weather forecaster James Madden said “cur-rent signals are still good” for an increase in high pressure throughout next week.

It could mean the so-far drizzly June ends with several days of “warm to hot temperatures”.

And James added: “The good news going forward and into July is that things are looking pretty amazing for this month as a whole, with the now very high possibility of some kind of super or mega heatwave of a decent duration.”

**FACT OF THE DAY**  
**ANIMALS** can be allergic to humans.



SELLING: Car owners  
Cost of driving too high

SKINT motorists are being forced to give up their vehicles as fuel and insurance costs skyrocket, research shows.

A survey by Carmoola found 17% of UK drivers had either sold their car or were contemplating doing so due to the escalating cost-of-living crisis.

The research also high-lighted that nearly a third had opted to cut down on their driving.

The brunt of the finan-cial strain is being borne by the under-45s.

Aidan Rushby, CEO of Carmoola, said: “Younger drivers, who are typically burdened with higher insurance rates already, seem to be struggling more than most.”

# Age 43.. when men turn into their dads

Picture: ZOE MCCONNELL FOR VARIETY



KATE FEELS GREAT

★ KATE Winslet says she is more happy in her body than ever before following a sexy photoshoot for a popular magazine.

In a recent interview with Variety, featured in the latest edition, inset, she claimed scrutiny on women is much less toxic than 20 years ago.

★ Speaking about this year's Met Gala in New York, the actress, 48, said: “I really was smiling, because every single image of the women on the red carpet, every woman is sharing their body in the way they want to.”



ACHES AND PAINS: Getting off sofa

## OLD MAN ALERT

■ by DOMINIK LEMANSKI  
BLOKES turn into their dads by the average age of 43, boffins say.

A third of chaps in the study said they realised they had turned into their old man when their nose and ear hair got out of control.

Some 35% said it was when they started dressing for comfort over style. And for many it was groaning when you get out of the chair.

The research was carried out to celebrate the release of film Ultraman: Rising – the story of an athlete who becomes a dad. Director, Shannon Tindle said: “Fatherhood isn’t something you can plan for. All you can do is take a deep breath and lean on parents around you.”

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## DADDY OF ALL SIGNS..

1. You have your own chair (38%)
2. You now dress for comfort (35%)
3. Your nose and ear hair is growing exponentially (34%)
4. You groan when you get up from your chair or the sofa (29%)
5. You know where the stopcock is (28%)
6. You check all the doors and lights before going to bed (28%)
7. You love to potter in the garden (27%)
8. You're confused by modern music (27%)
9. You repair rather than buying new (25%)
10. You watch the weather after news (25%)
11. You nod off on the sofa in films (25%)
12. You never throw anything away (23%)
13. You don't care what other people think (22%)
14. The idea of a good night's sleep is exciting (22%)
15. You repeat the same jokes (20%)
16. You realise your dad was right (19%)
17. Unexpected noises annoy you (18%)
18. You read on the loo (16%)
19. You like talking about your route/ journey (16%)
20. You save cardboard boxes just in case (16%)
21. You find puns increasingly funny (15%)
22. You have a shed and you love it (15%)
23. You always have one eye on the thermostats (15%)
24. You listen to Talk Sport (14%)
25. You never respond to group WhatsApp chats (14%)
26. You think embarrassing your children is hilarious (24%)
27. You don't think your children wear enough layers (13%)
28. You take great pleasure in mowing the grass (12%)
29. You love washing the car (11%)
30. A trip to the tip is a treat (11%)





# DAILY STAR Says

## Game's up for cheats

IT'S fair to say football and technology have a strained relationship.

We spent donkey's years calling for gadgets to rule out unfair decisions.

Then when it was brought in most of us immediately demanded it was scrapped because VAR is such a crock of crap.

But one thing we wish had been around in past tournaments (well, perhaps apart from the 1966 World Cup Final) is goal-line technology.

Who knows what would have happened if Frank Lampard's goal against Germany at the 2010 World Cup had been given?

So it's great to hear that boffins have come up with another snazzy gizmo to beat the cheats.

The new Euro 2024 ball will have state-of-the-art motion sensors to detect hand-balls the ref or even VAR misses.

That means sneaky so-and-sos like Maradona will never be able to pull the wool over officials' eyes again.

It's a great step forward that hopefully means we don't ever lose because of dodgy shenanigans again.

Even if it still won't be much consolation to Peter Shilton!

## Ageing? It's all relative

WE all grow up saying we'll never be like our parents.

But our mums and dads were young once too – well, apparently anyway.

So logic and genes suggest we are likely to end up like our folks at some point.

Eggheads have somehow pinpointed the exact age that will happen to blokes.

They say fellas will become just like their old man at the grand old age of 43.

That's the year men will morph into creaking, embarrassing dullards who tell the same dad jokes over and over.

Oh well. We suppose it's just the inexorable march of time really.

You can't spend your life generalising so much.

So if you're a chap over the age of 43 we thoroughly recommend going down to the shed to rest your eyes for a bit to forget about it!

## Brit stingy

MILLIONS of us hate sharing food just like Smithy from Gavin and Stacey.

And yes, that does include when our personal order is a chicken bhuna, lamb bhuna, prawn bhuna, mushroom rice, bag of chips, keema naan and nine poppadoms!



**PITCH IN:** Diego's Hand of God and Southgate. Right, beer and snacks, and freezing weather

# A HANDY GUIDE TO WÜNDER WORDS

★ MILLIONS of fans are heading to Germany for some footballing fun as Euro 2024 kicks off today.

★ But we Brits could all benefit from some of the brilliant Deutsch words for things that we just don't have direct translations for.

★ England and Scotland fans will certainly be hoping for a spot of soccer schadenfreude, for instance – that feeling of joy you get from seeing another's misfortune.

★ Here, **JAMES MOORE** reveals some more great German lingo for soccer addicts...

**Erbsenzähler:** Could Gareth Southgate be one? Someone obsessed with detail and control.

**Sturmfrei:** The pleasurable feeling you have when you know you've got the house to yourself – and no one can interrupt the footie.

**Backpfeifengesicht:** Someone with face that's just begging to be slapped such as the time Gervinho laid one on Joey Barton's motor-mouth in 2011.

**Dreikäsehoch:** For a lad that's very small – literally "three cheeses high". Think Diego Maradona.

**Kummerspeck:** Putting on weight from emotional eating due to stress.

**Torschlusspanik:** The feeling that life is passing you by. Another word perfect for England and Scotland fans and those years of hurt without silverware

**Handschuhschneeballwerfer:** Slang for a coward, which literally means a person who throws snowballs with gloves on. Or the manager plays it safe

**Sehnsucht:** The sick feeling you get from wanting something so much. Enough said.

**Fremdscham:** Second-hand embarrassment – like when another football team gets crushed.

**Fernweh:** The desire to be far away. Ideal when your team is about to face penalties.

**Pantoffelheld:** A man who acts tough around his mates, but who can't stand up to his wife.

**Kopfkino:** Literally "head cinema". When you picture that penalty miss.

**Weltschmerz:** World weariness. That feeling you get when your team's knocked out.

**Zweisamkeit:** The sort of loneliness two people feel when they are the only ones in a room who understand the footie.

**Hamsterkauf:** Storing up food for later. That panic buying of snacks and beers you do before a big game.

**Zugzwang:** To be forced to make a decision or when the gaffer just has to bring on the subs.

**Verschlimmbesserung:** Making something worse when trying to improve it. When bringing on the subs backfires!

**Wohlweh:** The feeling of satisfaction you get from scratching something like an insect bite. (Or when only another beer can ease the pain).

**Fingerspitzengefühl:** That moment of instinctive genius – think Gazza at Euro 96.

**Frühjahrs Müdigkeit:** Springtime fatigue – for when the weather is still bloody freezing, as it is this summer.

**Feierabend:** The feeling of joy at finally having time off work (or when you've bunked off to watch the football.)

**Waldeinsamkeit:** The feeling of joy at being alone in a forest – when your team scores while you're watching on your own.

**Vorglühen:** To have a couple of drinks before going out (or before watching the game) to get in the mood.

**Schnapsidee:** An idea that seems great at the time, but you regret later – think the footie fan who put a flare up his bottom!



## THE BRAINBOX

### BRAINS OF BRITAIN

We asked you to name someone famous with the surname Smith. Over to you to identify what they are all famous for:

- 1 Will
- 2 Sheridan
- 3 Matt
- 4 Robert
- 5= John, Alan
- 7= Mel, Kevin, Neil, Harvey, Dick King, Delia, Paul, Davey Boy, Patti, Citizen, Sarah, Ian, Arthur, Kerr, Maggie

Join the BoB panel. Email StarLetters@dailystar.co.uk to get the next batch of questions

- 1 Which former Time Lord plays Daemon Targaryen in the Game Of Thrones spin-off House Of The Dragon?
- 2 When did Scotland last beat Germany in a men's international football match – 1989, 1999 or 2009?

- 3 Which musical instrument would you associate with Chinese virtuoso Lang Lang?
- 4 What is the name of Tom Cruise's character in the Top Gun films?
- 5 Who is the sporting legend in the picture?

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ANSWERS:

1) Matt Smith; 2) 1999; 3) Pete Mitchell; 4) Piano; 5) Sir Viv Richards.



WINDIES KNIGHT: Who is he?





ACCUSED: Ex-nurse

## Letby's 'kill bid' of baby

THE mother of a baby allegedly attacked by killer nurse Lucy Letby told a court it was the "hardest decision" to switch off her daughter's life support.

Letby, 34, is accused of attempting to murder the "extremely premature" tot hours after her birth by displacing her breathing tube at the Countess of Chester Hospital's neo-natal unit.

The girl, known as Child K, was moved to the unit's intensive care room before being transferred to a more specialist hospital, Manchester Crown Court was told. She died days later.

In a witness statement, Child K's mother said: "We made the decision together to switch off the machines and let her go."

"It was by far the hardest decision of my life."

The jury has been told Letby was last year convicted of the murders of seven babies and the attempted murders of six others. Letby, of Hereford, denies one count of attempted murder. The trial continues.

### WORD OF

**GALEOPHOBIA:**  
The extreme, overwhelming and persistent fear of sharks – also known as common sense.

### THE DAY

## Cool kit for hero hot dog

A POLICE dog that suffered burns during the search for tragic health guru Michael Mosley is to get new protective gear for his feet, a charity has said.

Scar was sent from the Greek island of Symi, where teams looked for the missing TV doctor, to Athens after he burnt his paws on rocks.

The pooch was seen limping back from a hill near where Mr Mosley's body was later found.

National Foundation For Retired Service Animals is working with Ruffwear UK to kit out Scar and 13 others, saying: "Each dog will be provided with boots and a cooling coat."



# I thought I was BBQ dead meat COUGAR TERROR

■ by LEIGH McMANUS

A MAN says he still has nightmares after an encounter with a "big cat" at a caravan site barbecue.

John Broomhead, 68, was on holiday when a beast "four times the size" of a domestic cat leapt at him.

He explained: "I couldn't believe what I was seeing, some sort of cougar or leopard. It was huge."

He said he "threw" himself into his caravan in Tansley, Derbys. He claimed: "If I didn't get away, I'm certain it could have killed me."

John, from Aintree, Merseyside, added: "No one would believe me until I met another man in the caravan park. He described the exact same animal."



Picture: GETTY

# Fins can only get better!

## ALERT AS SHARK TOURISM TAKES OFF IN OUR WATERS

■ by KATE NELSON

**DARING Brits are taking the plunge with fearsome sharks off our coast.**

The number of UK firms running close-up dives with the jaws-style beasts is soaring.

And tourists are flocking to swim with 4m-long blue sharks.

Richard Rees, boss of dive firm Celtic Deep, said: "People are travelling from all over the country to come and do it."

The marine expert, based in Pembrokeshire, south Wales, warned sharks are not "harmless puppy dogs" and must be "respected for what they are – apex predators of the ocean".

A woman was bitten on the leg in 2022 during a blue shark dive off Penzance, Cornwall.

But Gonzalo Araujo, from the Marine Research and Conservation Foundation, said: "Blue sharks feed on fish and squid mostly, so going after something big like a human is super-rare. It is unlikely to happen again."

Blue sharks are one of 30 species thought to be in British waters. They visit in the summer after swimming thousands of miles from the Caribbean.

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AWARD-WINNING


Beer OF THE Week

With Adrian Tierney-Jones

AUTHOR of 1001 Beers To Try Before You Die and his latest book United Kingdom Of Beer gives us his verdict on the best pint he's tried this week. Follow @ATJbeer on Twitter.

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I WAS in the seaside resort of Llandudno last weekend and one of the highlights were the beers of local brewing hero Wild Horse, whose tap-room is close to the town's railway station. The aptly named Day Tripper was one of those stand-outs. It's a sprightly Belgian-style wheat beer that has coriander seed, cardamon and orange peel added to the mix, as is traditional. A hazy lemon-gold in the glass, it has a fragrant flurry of sweet citrus and spice on the nose – an invitation to take a swig. The mouth feel is crisp, creamy, refreshing, effervescent and tart while it finishes dry and satisfying. An ideal beer for a sunny day while watching the waves roll in.

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# FORK OFF!

PORTION CONTROL: People can be very protective of their food

## We hate sharing grub

MILLIONS of Brits admit they "never" share their food – just like Friends character Joey Tribbiani.

A poll found 38% of adults weren't happy to share snacks, while 39% identified with the 90s sitcom's famous line: "Joey doesn't share food!"

Not liking others touching their grub and wanting value for money were some reasons for not sharing, according to the Krispy Kreme poll.

by ISOBEL DICKINSON

Psychologist Dr Rachel Taylor said splitting food with pals is good for you, explaining: "Research shows that after a food-sharing event, oxytocin levels increase.

"Our brains associate it with social bonding and feelings of belonging.

"You could say food sharing is quite literally sharing the love."

The Star Says: Page 8

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## STORMS ACROSS SPAIN

★ HEAVY rain and flash floods engulf Murcia as Storm Tamara rages across south-east Spain and the Balearic Islands.

★ Over 100 planes were grounded at Majorca airport and emergency crews were called to perform rescue operations.





NEGATIVE: Merchant

## Shop in ‘ban’ on Stephen

STEPHEN Merchant says he was once banned from a clothes retailer for being “a bit negative about them” in an interview.

The 6ft 7in comic claims High And Mighty, which specialised in outfits for tall men, snubbed him before closing UK stores in 2018.

He said staff brandished a copy of the interview and would not sell clothes to a TV costume department worker because they suspected they were for him.

Stephen said: “The costume woman bought a load of clothes and said, ‘I’m buying these for an actor. I might need to bring them back.’

“And the woman behind the counter said, ‘Which actor? Is it him?’ And she pulled out a laminated copy of the interview and said, ‘We’re not selling clothes to him.’”



RESCUED: Kiko

## Kiss of life for fire dog

A HERO firefighter saved a dog’s life by giving it mouth-to-mouth.

Firefighter Lewis Keeble found “limp” Alsatian Kiko trying to escape a fourth floor flat fire as he investigated reports of a door being banged.

He said the pooch, which he dragged to safety in Dalston, east London, did not seem to be breathing properly so blew into the dog’s mouth.

He said: “I cupped my hands around Kiko’s mouth and began blowing directly into his mouth.

“After a few minutes, he thankfully came round.

“He even appeared to be back to normal and he was later left safely in the care of his owner.”

Lewis, a dog lover, said he was glad to have been able to rescue Kiko.



# Ticket fine for Maya

★ MAYA Jama laughs off a parking ticket after spotting a yellow sticker on the windscreen of boyfriend Stormzy’s posh motor.

★ The Love Island host, 29, and grime star, 30, had been enjoying brekkie when they saw the penalty on his Rolls-Royce. It was in a loading-only bay in Hampstead, north London.



Pictures: SPLASHNEWS

# SKIDS ARE ALRIGHT..

## Wearing your grundies twice will save planet

■ by ISOBEL DICKINSON

**BOFFINS say people should stop washing their underwear and clothes so often in a bid to save the planet.**

Climate change experts warned emissions from constant loads of laundry are killing the atmosphere and ruining clothes.

And they urged households to “air out” clothes to get them smelling fresh again rather than washing.

Study leader Erik Klint, of Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden said it was important to get out the message that “most people use their T-shirt more than once”. He added: “But also replacing washing machine use with other actions, such as airing the garments, brushing off dirt, or removing individual stains by hand.”





# BUBBLIN' UNDER

SUPER-Scot **Nina Nesbitt** gets the soul stirring with single *I'm Coming Home*.  
Nina, who supports **Stevie Nicks** this summer, said: "It's a song for rolling down the windows, driving up the dirt roads on your way back home. I was inspired by some old Bruce Springsteen songs... it's an ode to my Scottish roots."  
**Rat Boy** team with Blur producer **Stephen Street** for the laidback ska gem *One In A Million*, while **Benjamin Ingrosso** aims straight for the dancefloor on *Look Who's Laughing Now* which "celebrates being authentic and enjoying life".  
South London's rising star **DC** has dropped the *The Curb* Europe remix of his single *The Curb*, featuring French upcoming star **Jolagreen23** and Dutch sensation **Chivv**. **Depeche Mode** fans will

revel in **Dave Gahan's** appearance on the moody new **Humanist** tune *Brother*.  
**Betty Boo** returns with *It Was Beautiful* featuring DnB producer **Hex**.  
Hip-hop legend **LL Cool J** is bringing old-skool jazzy flow back with Saturday Night Special, ft. **Fat Joe** and **Rick Ross** and production from **Q-Tip**.  
Finally, **Tove Lo** and **SG Lewis** join forces for EP *HEAT*.  
Tove says it has "a similar temperature as *Kylie's Can't Get You Out Of My Head* - sexy, cool and hypnotic."



**WIRED**  
POP legends **Sinitta, Sonia and Carol Decker** have teamed up for a new musical by Strictly judge **Craig Revel Horwood**. Now *That's What I Call A Musical* will start a UK tour in Aylesbury this September.

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**METALLICA** will become the first band to take centre stage across all *Fortnite* experiences. "Fuel. Fire. Fury." will bring a series of in-game playable concert performances only on June 22 and June 23.

**WORLD**



# I want to lick faces!

## JOSH'S ODD WISH

ANYONE at Download Festival tonight should brace themselves to receive a good licking from **Queens Of The Stone Age**.

Brutal recent LP *In Times New Roman*, which was six years in the making, has brought the rockers even closer to their fans. So much so that frontman **Josh Homme** sees them in a rather sadistic way: "We seek to cherish our fans by trapping them, destabilising and grabbing them by the hair to lick their face!"

"These new songs give that feeling of an immediate embrace. It's my way of giving our audience the most of myself. But if we take this long to make the next one, it will probably mean that I'm dead!"

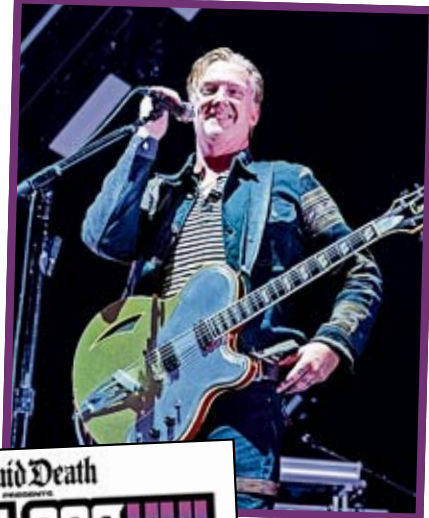
Homme is no stranger to death, having lost friends **Mark Lanegan, Taylor Hawkins** and **Rio Hackford** in a short space of time.

He's also faced his own cancer battle: "These past few years broke me into a thousand pieces. It was without a doubt the darkest time of my life, but I tried as best I could to put all these pieces back together to form a new vessel with which to set sail."

"If I could start over, I wouldn't change anything. The lifestyle I've had for a long time will probably prevent me from living to be 75. But it doesn't matter, I've learned to accept it. I spent too much time to languish in sadness."

"I want to focus on the main things: my children, our fans and, above all, the music. I feel the need to create to feel alive."

In between QOTSA records, Homme helped his idol **Iggy Pop** make records and he's clearly inspired by him, especially the work he produced with late pal **David Bowie**. "Beyond music, Iggy and



Bowie are models of sacrifice and innovation," he explained.

"They have long been underestimated and misunderstood, before finally being recognised and made legends. For me, it's the victory of authenticity."

"I try to follow that state of mind, continuing to take risks and celebrating my fears and my imperfections."

Tonight, **Queens Of The Stone Age** headline the biggest hard rock festival in the UK - but such accolades are no longer important to Homme.

He said: "I don't aspire to become the biggest rock band in the world."

"QOTSA is the soundtrack of my life and it is made up of passionate and dedicated people. Therapy has never worked for me, so I must have a lot of mental problems. Music is my one and only religion. It makes me feel completely free, at least momentarily."



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★ **FORGET** singing, The Boy Is Mine star **Ariana Grande's** first love was actually comedy.

She told the Podcrushed Podcast: "I remember that comedy always gave me different feelings than singing did."

★ "Singing I think takes itself so seriously and I love laughing so much, like there's something about making a person laugh that's like, 'We're comfortable, we trust each other, we're here.'"

"Laughter is just the best thing in the entire world to me. It was always something I loved, a lot, and then I think when pop took over for a while I lost a little bit of that light and I missed it subconsciously in a very big way."

★ "I don't like to take things too seriously in some of my more playful pop songs. I think it's a nice place to put some comedy sometimes."

## OUT OF THE NORM AT LAST

**NORMANI's** debut LP

Dopamine is finally here after becoming an industry joke.

It's six years since her old band **Fifth Harmony** split and her solo career suffered many false dawns: "There's been so much adversity and so many roadblocks in the process of putting this body of work out, you have no idea. I could actually probably write a book."

The new record pays homage to many of her heroes, none bigger than **Janet Jackson**: "She's definitely paved the way, and when I think of the women that I aspire to follow the footsteps of, she's definitely up there. And she's had so much impact on me, so sonically you'll be able to hear the inspiration."

Former bandmate **Ally Brooke** recently suggested a Fifth Harmony reunion was on the cards. Normani said: "Not to my knowledge but I see a possibility in the future that would be a special moment for sure."

★ **WORKING** with **Harry Styles's** producer on the new **Sea Girls** LP was "instinctual".

**Kid Harpoon**, the man behind *As It Was*, helmed the band's *Young Strangers* – and he kept things simple.

★ Frontman **Henry Camille** told me: "The great thing about Kid Harpoon is he is such a vibe, good guy, great guy to work with, but

he does like pulling out what you've got to offer. It was very instinctual.

"In that song it has the feel of the album like you've got time, you only live once, let's have a good time."

★ "He is a very cool guy and it was a great moment to work with him."



## LISTEN UP

**BRU-C / Family Only** ★★★★★

**AFTER** a flurry of early releases, drum & bass's finest rapper has been plotting something special since *No Excuses* went stellar. It's not the only thoughtful highlight here.

Epic in scope, Bru-C hits the clubs, just as adept at making brooding, insightful commentary like *Rise Up*.

Fellow scenester Wilkinson's church-like collab *Paradise* tops off fun for all the family.



**LUKE COMBS / Fathers And Sons** ★★★

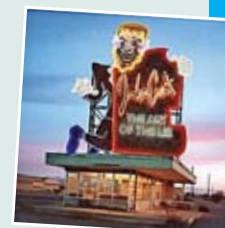
**DESTINED** to follow Morgan Wallen to stadiums, the purest of the new country stars doesn't need any pop or hip-hop crossovers to cement his rise.

Recorded live, the intricate playing and Luke's emotionally open vocals overcome the odd treacly lyric about

fatherhood. *Plant A Seed* and *Front Door Famous* see Luke now sound like a wise old country great.

**JOHN GRANT / The Art Of The Lie** ★★★★★

**A VETERAN** of raw and honest singer-songwriter pop who also loves throwing curveballs among the ballads, here John features possibly his most heartbreaking song in *Father*. Next moment, he's offering explicit squelchy funk and otherworldly synths. It's all done with humour and hooks, meaning John's intense tunes are approachable rather than oddball.



**SEA GIRLS / Midnight Butterflies** ★★★

**YES** it's album three but *Sea Girls* deliver the kind of melodic urgency normally reserved for shiny happy debuts here. The title track sounds like peak anthemic Coldplay if they were fronted by John Power, but then they switch to moody atmospherics for *Horror Movies*. Joyous and definitely ones to catch at a festival this summer.

## PURE LUK

**COUNTRY** dude **Luke Combs** got his big break from the comfort of his own home.

Luke used to work at a bar and lived upstairs, so he asked his boss if he could play one night. But he was told he couldn't, in case the neighbours complained and he cost the bar its licence.

Luke responded: "Well I live upstairs, and I know everybody else that lives upstairs. There's only seven apartments up there so if I played, we would all be downstairs."

When the manager wasn't convinced he went over the road to a different bar, landed his first gig there and about 200 people turned up.

The manager at the bar he worked at got jealous and eventually changed his mind and let him play there.





Houthi hit ship

A SHIP was hit by a missile in a suspected attack by Yemen's Houthi rebels.

The latest assault in their campaign over the Israel-Hamas war happened in the Gulf of Aden off Yemen.

Private security firm Ambrey said a merchant vessel made a radio distress call reporting it had been struck by a missile.

The ship "was en route from Malaysia to Venice, Italy", Ambrey said, adding that the ship was "aligned with the Houthi target profile".

Vlad sub nuke fear

VLAD Putin is "flashing his muscles" at the US with his frigate and a nuclear-powered sub sailing into Cuba, an expert has warned.

Moscow says their drills involved firing missiles at mock enemy targets.

But Havana said none of the ships carries nuclear weapons and Washington added that the exercises "pose no direct threat to the United States".

Prof Anthony Glees said it was "an attempt by evil Putin to flash his muscle at [US President Joe] Biden".

# WAIT LIST RISES

## NHS hospital backlog hits 7.57million

■ by STORM NEWTON and IAN JONES  
THE overall NHS waiting list is up for the first time in seven months.

An estimated 7.57million treatments were yet to be carried out at the end of April, relating to 6.33m patients.

That's up from 7.54m treatments and 6.29m patients at the end of March, NHS England said.

Waiting lists have been a major talking point in the run-up to the July 4 election.

PM Rishi "Biggles" Sunak, who vowed to tackle the number last January when it stood at 7.21m, told Sky News on Wednesday: "We've not made as much progress on cutting waiting lists as I would have liked."

Lib Dems health spokeswoman Daisy Cooper called on Rishi "to apologise for his failure" while Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer vowed to cut lists by creating 40,000 new appointments per week.

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### The young master..

★ MEET the two-and-a-half-year-old impressionist painter whose art has been sold by his parents for up to £8,400.  
Laurent Schwarz started on a holiday to an Italian hotel which had a painting room for kids.  
★ His mum Lisa Schwarz, from Neubuern, Germany, said: "We want Laurent's paintings to hang in homes all over the world."

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FUTURE: ET with grub

## Martian fry-ups tea treat

COLONISTS on Mars may be able to produce their own food like fish and chips.

Boffins said they could raise fish in tanks and use the leftover waste water to turn Martian rock and sand layers into soil to grow crops like potatoes.

The team simulated the environment of the Red Planet and "successfully grew" spuds in plant pots.

Prof Benz Kotzen, of the University of Greenwich, said: "To colonise Mars, settlers will have to grow their own food in systems that are as close to self-perpetuating as possible."



ORGANIC: Rhubarb

## Cheers to King of gins

KING Charles has launched a new gin, using rhubarb grown in his gardens at Highgrove.

The £44.95 small-batch Highgrove Pink Gin promises drinkers an "exceptional" spirit which adheres to Charles' eco-friendly gardening rules as it is organic.

A description on Highgrove's website says: "Distilled with organic botanicals and rhubarb from Highgrove's gardens, this superb gin adds a pink twist to a classic G&T or Martini."

Picture: TIM MERRY

# THE £60 PINT

★ DAILY Star man Harry Thompson samples one of Britain's most expensive pints. Harry tried a £19 third of a pint serving - making it £57 a pint - at CASK in Pimlico, London.

★ Peter Slezak, 43, from the business which operates the Craft Beer Company chain,

defended the price by telling the Daily Star the 6% Iris 2015 "costs an obscene amount to make".

★ It's made annually in small quantities in a process meshing traditional beer-making with innovative methods that incorporate yeast from the air to make each batch a one-off. But

after sampling it, Harry said he preferred a more regular beer.

★ His verdict: "A sour and complicated tippie that has no place in the Euros-watching beer gardens this summer. "One for the beer boffins that shouldn't be put in the same bracket as your average pint."

# Brit fizz is just the biz

■ by KATE NELSON  
BRITS are fast becoming the world's best plonkers with our wine tasting better than bottles from Spain, Australia and New Zealand.

We now prefer our own booze over drinks from nations traditionally regarded as the globe's finest makers.

The research, by Aldi, found English sparkling wine is fast becoming a firm favourite - and 15% believe it is "the new Champagne".

Master of wine Sam Caporn said English still wines are also rapidly gaining in popularity.

"Delicious still wines which can be grown in England are now standing out against larger wine-making regions.

"It is great to see them increasingly being awarded the recognition they deserve."

English varieties including Pinot Noir and Bacchus can be likened to a New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc, experts say.

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# HOMEGROWN WINE SUCCESS



## LAD FEELS CHIPPER

PROUD Oliver Baty has battered the record - for the world's longest chip. The nine-year-old measured the whopper at 10.3in after it fell out of a bag of McCain oven chips.

He was helping mum Donna, 44, prepare tea at home in Pegswood, Northumberland, when he saw the monster and put it on his shoulder.

Dad Scott, 43, who runs a mobile

catering company, said: "Donna emptied a bag of chips into the air fryer and one just stood up like a totem pole.

"You can imagine the size of the potato it came from, it must have looked like a rugby ball."

Oliver is now keeping the chip safe in the freezer, saying: "I couldn't ever eat it. It's too precious."



# One hundred and eighty years old!

MORE pensioners than ever are playing darts. Research showed that the number of OAPs taking up the sport has doubled in the past year. In the UK, arrows have rocketed in popularity since 17-year-old Luke Littler stormed on to the scene. Retirement home builders McCarthy Stone said 7%

■ by STIAN ALEXANDER of residents – 1,540 pensioners – regularly play darts, more than double the number who played last year. And more than half say various activities keep them “feeling young”. Kim Caldwell, of McCarthy Stone, said: “Hobbies clearly hold a special place in the hearts of the nation.”



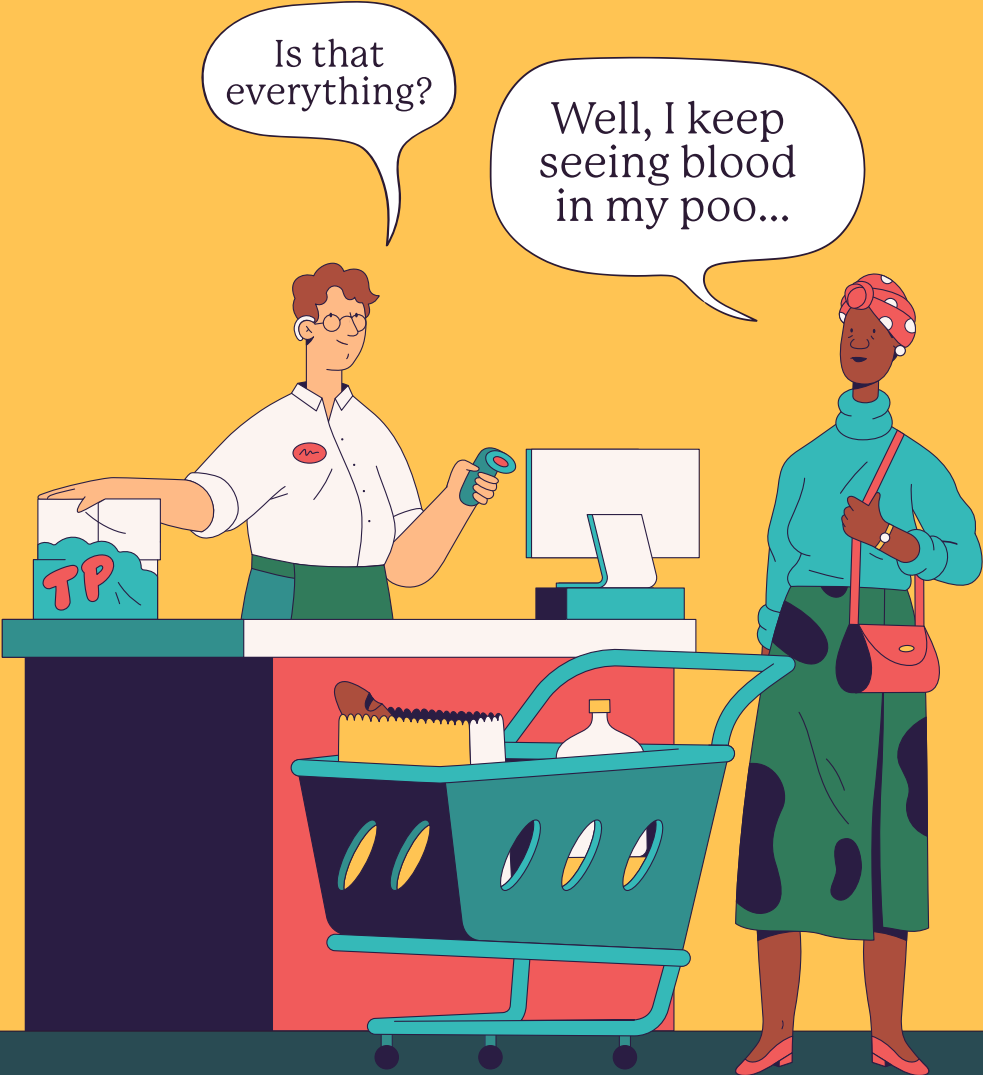
POPULAR: Littler

# ‘CASH IN’ ON DEATH

A WOMAN was filmed taking a “dead” man to a cash-point to use his fingerprint to withdraw money. Footage shows the man in a wheelchair in front of the ATM with the woman holding his head. But as she gets his finger scanned she lets go and it lolls back. She props it up before grabbing the cash and stuffing it in her top. Cops said they had not received any reports of the incident in Brazil.



Picture: MAGNUS NEWS/BC WILDLIFE PARK



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# I can bearly fit in the tub

★ THIS grizzly bear appears to scrub up well as it takes a long soak in the bath.

Dawson and pal Knute, right, both 13, have been entertaining visitors at a wildlife sanctuary in

■ by JOHN WARD

British Columbia, Canada, with their love of climbing into the tub.

★ A spokesman for the park said: "It's used as their lounge – and they truly love sitting in it."

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HUGE PIT: 'Risk to life'

## Danger sinkhole at beach

A COASTGUARD team is warning of a "risk to life" after a huge sinkhole opened up on a busy beach.

Officials said they were called out on Wednesday after the 7ft by 9ft pit was spotted.

The hole had already been cordoned off on Shoebury East Beach, near Southend-on-Sea, Essex, when the Coastguard arrived.

Bosses have now warned beach-goers to keep their distance as the collapsing sand could trap them.

An HM Coastguard Southend spokesman said: "Holes will collapse around you and the mix of water and sand will cement you in situ, endangering life."

"We ask members of the public to remain well clear of the hole and ask parents to remind their children to not venture in any holes on the beach."



DEFIANT: Strawbridge

## 'Chateau TV man no angel'

ANGEL Strawbridge has defended herself over claims about her behaviour on Escape to the Chateau.

Insiders claim Angel, 45, and husband Dick clashed with the crew on the Channel 4 show.

A woman, believed to be Angel, was recorded calling a member of the production crew a "f\*\*\*ed-up little c\*\*\*".

Speaking about the incident to Elizabeth Day on her How to Fail podcast, Angel said: "I was the one in the wrong for losing my temper, but I will not apologise."

"He was so disrespectful in our house and I stand by what I did."

C4 said it would not work with the pair on any new shows "following a review".



## Check if passport still valid

THE Post Office is urging people to check their passports ahead of the summer holiday season to make sure they can travel.

Official government guidance is that it takes three weeks for a standard passport renewal.

Post Office spokesperson Elinor Hull said: "It's crucial for travellers to ensure their passports are up to date to avoid any unexpected surprises at the check-in desk."

# 194 more sleeps



CLAUSING PANIC: Santa

■ by MARC WALKER  
**CHRISTMAS** may be six months away but Brits are already fretting over it.

Some 40% of us are worried about affording presents and festive food and drink costs.

Around a quarter wish they had started saving earlier.

Katherine Scott, at Park Christmas Savings, which did the study, said: "For a lot of us, paying for an

## BRITS WORRIED ABOUT XMAS COSTS ALREADY

unforgettable Christmas, which is what we all want, is a real challenge.

"But with rising costs of living, we know how much more difficult it's going to be this year."

The report also showed half of

families don't start budgeting for Crimbo until at least September.

And almost a third admitted their least favourite thing about the festive season was financial stress.

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## FONZ HAPPY BLAZE PRAISE

★ **HAPPY** Days star Henry Winkler poses with firefighters following a blaze at his hotel.

The actor, 78, known for playing Arthur "The Fonz" Fonzearelli, was staying at Dublin's prestigious Shelbourne Hotel when he was evacuated with other guests. On Twitter/X,

he posted a picture alongside three firefighters from Dublin Fire Brigade after the emergency services attended the incident early on Wednesday morning.

★ Winkler wrote: "Thank you Dublin's fire department ... our hotel was evacuated on our first morning!!!"







**LAWSUIT: Boss Elon**

## Musk is sued by ex-staff

SPACEX and its chief executive Elon Musk are being sued by sacked workers.

They claim that the American billionaire ordered their firing after they challenged alleged sexual harassment and a hostile work environment.

The eight former employees, who filed the lawsuit in a California court, detailed their complaints in a 2022 open letter to management they shared via a company intranet.

The next day, they claim, four of them were fired, while others were allegedly sacked later after an internal investigation.

SpaceX did not reply to a request for comment.



**PRESSURE: Weight loss**

## 'Get thin quick' a big woe

ONLINE searches for "quick weight loss" have soared by 552% in the past year.

Experts believe the rise in social media content focused on the "perfect body" is damaging people's mental health.

Almost half - 42% - say it makes them feel worse about themselves, according to the study by Asics.

The firm's Gary Raucher said: "The increasing focus on exercise purely as a tool for weight loss is worrying."

"Research shows that society's obsession with exercising for the perfect body is adding pressure and putting people off exercise."

# Rochelle the Next big thing



★ **ROCHELLE Humes** wowed fans as she slipped into a green bikini for a beach photoshoot. The presenter, 35, has launched The Rochelle Series with Next and showcased a string of outfits, including a stunning white two-piece number, right. She captioned the images on Instagram: "My summer @nextofficial series has just landed! Don't walk. runnn ladies."



# ON A WING & A PRAYER

## New Jesus 'miracle' discovered

■ by SOPHIE CLARK

**JESUS** moulded birds out of clay and turned them into living sparrows in a newly unearthed "miracle", it is claimed.

The incredible tale has been revealed in a long-forgotten manuscript discovered in a library.

It tells how the five-year-old Messiah performed an act called the "vivification of the sparrows".

He is said to have moulded birds using clay from a river and then brought them to life.

The ancient parchment is believed to be part of a larger text - the Infancy Gospel of Thomas.

Lajos Berkes, of the Faculty of Theology at Humboldt University in Berlin where the letter was found, said: "The fragment is of extraordinary interest for research."

Experts believe the Gospel of St Thomas was created as a writing exercise in a school or monastery.





## Job's not good 'un

THE UK has seen an "explosion" in insecure, low-paid work in the past 14 years.

The TUC's analysis of official statistics shows the number of people in "precarious" employment – such as zero-hours contracts and casual or seasonal work – increased by nearly one million between 2011 and 2023.

TUC general secretary Paul Nowak said: "Across the country people are trapped in jobs that offer little or no security."

## You can't dilly-Dalai

A BUDDHIST landmark has installed timers in the loos to hurry visitors along.

Screens outside the cubicles clock up how long someone has been inside at Yungang Grottoes, China.

Alarmed users fear what will happen if they take too long spending a penny.

One visitor said: "I also felt a little embarrassed, as if I was being watched."

Another said: "Who would spend their time in the toilets? Is it really necessary?"

# JELLY AND CHIPS

## Russ's Glad for sitdown

★ GLADIATOR legend Russell Crowe poses for his legions of fans as he takes a seat for a magazine photoshoot and interview.

The Kiwi actor, 60, left the film set to speak to GQ about his reputation as a perfectionist.

★ He said: "Ridley Scott once said to me, 'If you see something wrong, you have to tell me'."

The Heroes Issue of British GQ, below, is now available via digital download and on newsstands.



Picture: SCOTT TRINDLE/GQ



GET ME A SHAKE: Wobbling food

## 'Live' robot grub to hit our menus

■ by PAUL ROBINS  
HUMANS could soon be eating robot grub.

Scientists in Japan have created "edible robot" jelly that wiggles as you scoff it.

It is made from gelatine and mounted on a pneumatic tube to make it vibrate.

The study is to see whether humans are happy to eat snacks if they are "alive".

The boffs at University of Electro-Communications in Tokyo and Osaka University said when it was still people "perceived the robot as food", whereas when it moved they saw it as "a creature".

They hope it may help prepare us for eating more synthetic foods in the future.

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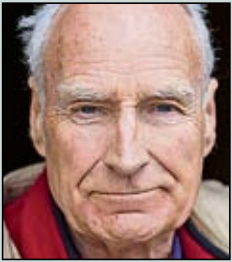


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BEEB BLAST: Peter

**Snow:**  
It's bad  
news..

CUTS to Newsnight's budget and staff are a "disgrace to the BBC," says one of its longest-serving presenters.

Peter Snow, 86, who fronted the programme from its launch in 1980 until 1997, slammed the corporation for reducing it to 30 minutes.

He told Roger Bolton's Beeb Watch: "What's happening to Newsnight is a disgrace because we launched it in order to give the day's news in-depth."

"And now when we have all this rival disinformation, misinformation social media going on and also live rival programmes, the BBC reduces that great news in-depth programme from 45 minutes to 30."



HAIR-MONY: Webb

**A new  
clip for  
Box ex**

FORMER Gogglebox star Stephen Webb is still living with his ex - and cutting his hair.

The duo, who became household names on the hit Channel 4 series, announced their decision to divorce in April.

However Daniel has revealed the pair are still sharing a home in Brighton.

He posted a video on Instagram of Stephen doing his hair.

In the cheeky clip, Daniel quips: "Aren't I lucky to have a live-in hairdresser, Stephen?"

# Nessa's Gavin a laugh with fans

Picture: PA



## James: My hard lines

■ by ED GLEAVE

★ JAMES Corden says the script for Gavin & Stacey's final episode is still not finished.

The star, above, admitted he needs another session with co-writer Ruth Jones to make sure it is good enough.

★ Speaking to Zoe Ball, pictured left with James, on Radio 2, he said: "It's going to be tight to get it in and delivered."

"Building that show is like building a Jenga puzzle. It'll be OK. Ruth and I have to do one last pass and clean up of it." Filming is due to begin in September.



FACING THE CHOPPER: Jones

## RUTH MAKES UP SITCOM'S 'TRAGIC END'

■ by JOE CRUTCHLEY

RUTH Jones has been teasing Gavin And Stacey fans that the finale will feature shock deaths.

The actress, 57, who plays Nessa, says she is constantly hounded for spoilers.

Viewers have been desperate for gossip after Ruth and James Corden, 45, announced they were penning another Christmas special.

And Ruth - who has been performing in Sister Act - loves making up fake endings.

She said: "People say, 'What's going to happen, is Smithy going to say yes?' And I go to them, 'Do you really want me to tell you what's going to happen in the Christmas special?'"

"So, I say, jokingly, 'There's going to be a helicopter crash, most of the cast get killed.'"

The 2019 Christmas special ended with a cliffhanger, with Nessa proposing to the ever-cheeky but loveable Smithy, played by Corden.

Ruth revealed the pair have been writing the script since last autumn.

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IT'S OCCURRING: Duo with script



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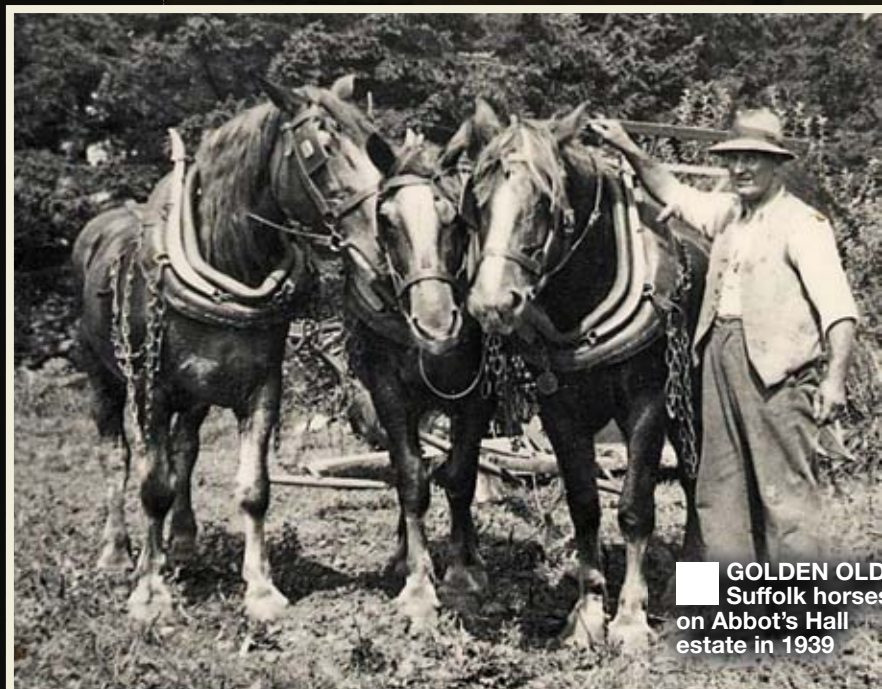
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**GOLDEN OLD**  
Suffolk horses  
on Abbot's Hall  
estate in 1939

# Drunk cyclist jailed

by NICK TOWLE

**A DRUNK cyclist has been jailed for seriously injuring a pedestrian by crashing into her on a footpath.**

Lisa Wade, 46, admitted causing bodily harm by wanton and furious driving – a law from Victorian times.

A court heard she came “flying” around a blind corner on her bike with no brakes and hit Ruth Kitching, 65, causing “catastrophic” hip injuries.

Wade was riding one-handed on the pavement and holding a bag of dog food in her other hand, the court was told.

Mrs Kitching needed a hip replacement after the crash in York in March last year.

Wade, left, who York Crown Court heard was “impaired” by drink, was jailed for eight months.



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## BIKE CRASH HORROR



## 'Space drama not real'

NASA has denied there was an emergency on the International Space Station after a shocking broadcast was beamed to Earth.

The eight-minute transmission relayed a conversation between the ISS and a medic on Earth trying to save an astronaut with decompression sickness.

But Nasa has now said the simulated audio was broadcast by mistake.

A spokesman said it was "inadvertently misrouted from an ongoing simulation where crew members and ground teams train for various scenarios in space and is not related to a real emergency".

## THE GOLDEN YEAR

Can you guess the year from these five clues?

1. The Cuban Missile Crisis grips the world, with fears of nuclear war.
2. Ipswich Town win the First Division title in football, in their first season.
3. The Beatles release their first single Love Me Do with P.S. I Love You.
4. The satirical TV show That Was The Week That Was, makes its debut.
5. Hollywood movie star Marilyn Monroe is found dead at the age of 36.

No Googling! Answer in Monday's paper. Yesterday's year: 2003

## Warning on kids' 'sweets'

PARENTS are being warned about drugs being concealed in brightly coloured pouches resembling sweet packets.

Police found cannabis and other drugs inside scores of items designed to look like well-known sweet brands during a raid in Swanage, Dorset.

As a result, police have released pictures showing what the packets look like and are asking parents to be on the alert.

A spokesperson for Dorset Police said: "Parents should be aware if they find these colourful pouches in their children's possession."

# PUNCH PERFECT

★ A RARE foal has been born for the first time in a century at a museum's farming estate. The rare Suffolk Punch foal, a rare horse which was first bred on the estate by Captain H.D.

■ by FAYE MAYERN Longe, popped out of its mum, top left, at the Food Museum at Abbot's Hall in Stowmarket, Suffolk. ★ Named Abbots Juno, right, it is the first born at the site since

1924. Manager Lisa Harris said: "We're excited to welcome a new Suffolk horse. "It will help continue Captain Longe's legacy of supporting this rare breed."





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## Go wild with top isle job

A LEAD ranger is wanted on the tiny wildlife haven of Brownsea Island.

The National Trust says the £31,000-a-year role comes with a house on the isle in Poole harbour, Dorset, that has views across to the millionaires' resort of Sandbanks.

The lead ranger heads up the countryside department – looking after conservation, land management and logistic operations on the 500-acre island.



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## War on danger beetles

A "LOCKDOWN" has been issued to stop the spread of a dangerous bug which attacks Christmas trees.

The eight-toothed spruce bark beetle is threatening the UK's woodlands.

The Forestry Commission imposed the "lockdown" which will see 16 areas in the south-east of England and East Anglia hit with timber trade restrictions to halt the bugs.

Andrea Deol from the Commission said: "It is hoped that these measures will curtail the spread."

Pictures: GETTY IMAGES



ICON: Punk designer

## THE WILD WEST & HER BEST

★ CLOTHES from Vivienne Westwood's personal wardrobe go on show ahead of auction.

Christie's is selling them to raise funds for charities backed by the punk fashion icon, who died in 2022.

★ It said it was a "once in a lifetime" event.



# Randy guide dog follows dad's lead



## POOCH SIRES 99 PUPS IN 2YRS

THE son of a stud pooch who fathered more than 300 guide dogs has taken over from his dad – and already sired nearly 100 pups.

Pierre the Heir, four, has fathered 13 litters and 99 puppies since entering a breeding programme two-and-a-half years ago.

The gold-

■ by CHARLES BAYLISS

en retriever is the son of Trigger, the now retired top stud dog.

Pierre, left, comes from a long line of both male and female pooches who have been parents to guide dogs.

Dr Tom Lewis, head of the breeding programme for guide dogs, said Pierre's "long, illustrious family history is critical to him producing the guide dogs of the future". And despite

fathering so many pups, life isn't too tough for Pierre.

Tom added: "Pierre's contribution to the process is over pretty quickly.

"It's our wonderful guide dog mums who then have to feed and raise the puppies.

"She'll have her puppies at home under the close watch of a family who looks after her year-round."

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Players put their name on the chitty they hold, then, whoever holds the one with the nation that lifts the trophy come the final on July 14 wins the competition – scoring all the cash!

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GROUP B

SPAIN

CROATIA

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SERBIA

ENGLAND

GROUP D

NETHERLANDS

FRANCE

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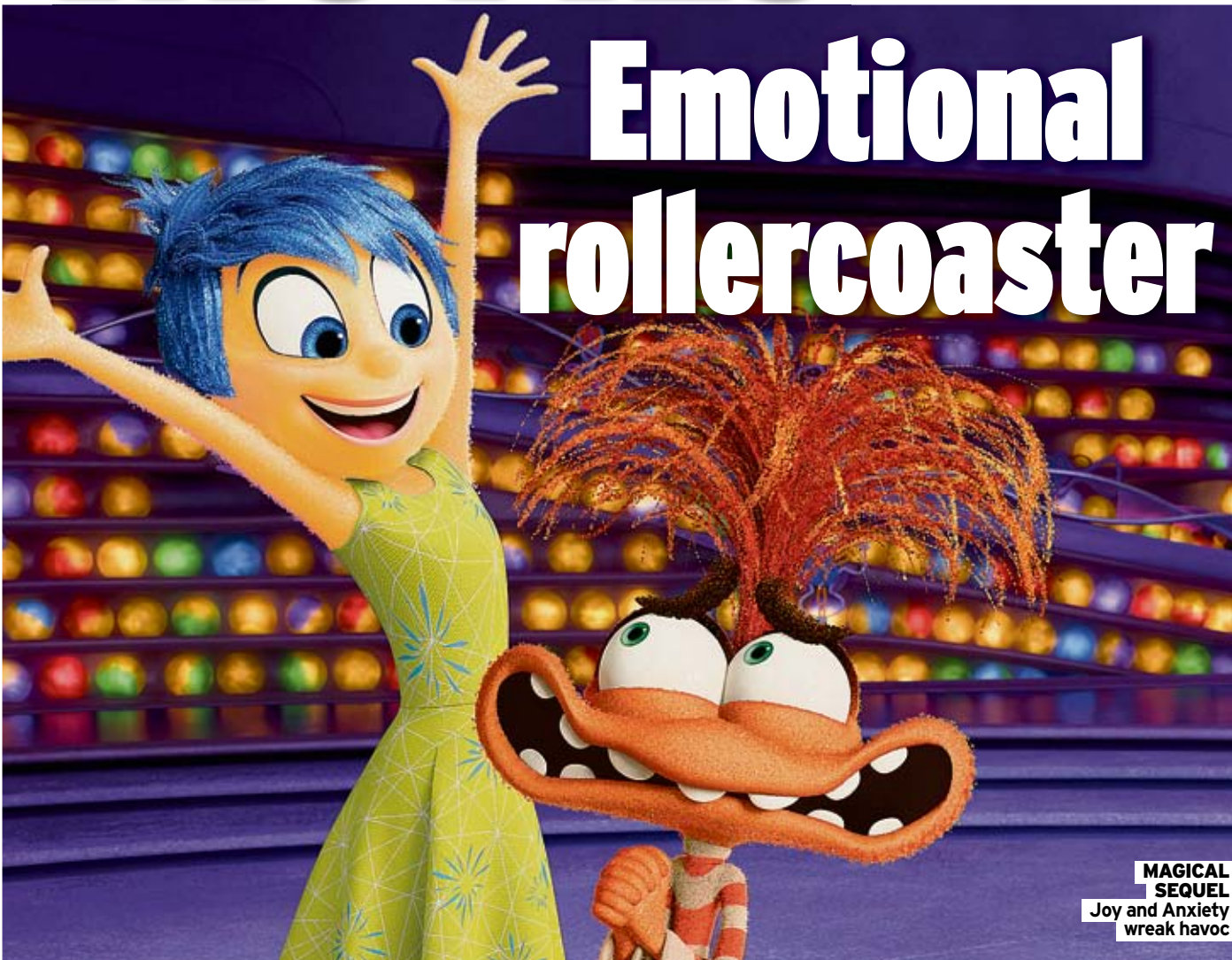
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- ★★★★ Good
- ★★★ Worth a look
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- ★ Don't bother



## Emotional rollercoaster

**MAGICAL SEQUEL**  
Joy and Anxiety  
wreak havoc

### INSIDE OUT 2

Cert U ★★★★★  
In cinemas now

My adolescent years would have been a lot more bearable if I had been able to watch Inside Out 2 when I was in the throes of teenage anxiety.

Riley, the protagonist in Pixar's 2015 film Inside Out, returns for its sequel as a 13 year old on the brink of puberty, and we watch as her existing Emotions – Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear and Disgust – get usurped by four new, more complex feelings that wreak havoc on Headquarters.

Anxiety, played by Stranger Things' Maya Hawke, becomes the star of the show, her toothy grin, zany hair and wild eyes

wonderfully animated as an eerily accurate physical manifestation of the emotion.

She's joined by Envy, played by The Bear's Ayo Edebiri; Embarrassment, played by Black Bird's Paul Walter Hauser; and Ennui, played by Blue Is The Warmest Colour star Adele Exarchopoulos. Together they banish Riley's childhood Emotions and take control, believing they're doing what's best to keep her straight on the rocky road ahead.

Young fans of Inside Out, now almost a decade older, will be similarly dealing with the complicated emotions teenagehood brings, and the expansion of the world of Riley's mind to include all the new feelings

“  
A respectful exploration of puberty's impact, along with some cracking jokes

of adolescence is a brilliant way to continue the story.

This makes things more nuanced without sacrificing charm, and never pokes fun at Riley and her teenage confusion.

Instead, it's a respectful and relatable exploration of puberty's psychological impact with some cracking jokes to boot, complete with the adventurous scale of animation that makes Pixar so beloved.

It's colourful, glowing and warm. The entire film drips with charisma, immediately hooking you into its premise and keeping your attention with its glorious visuals and charming characters.

Inside Out 2 is a fantastic example of how to do a sequel.

### SASQUATCH SUNSET

Cert 15 ★★★★★  
In cinemas now

Sir David Attenborough has been the soothing voice of the natural history world for decades.

The veteran broadcaster has witnessed many extraordinary sights on land, in the sea and the air – but it's unlikely he will have ever seen a tribe of bigfoots urinating, lactating and defecating with wild delirium to mark their territory.

Bodily fluids overflow in filmmaking brothers David and Nathan Zellner's hypnotic hike through the mist-cloaked forests of North America in the company of a ragtag tribe of human-like creatures.

Over the course of four seasons, captured by cinematographer Mike Gioulakis as if this were a

documentary, a mated couple (Jesse Eisenberg, Riley Keough), an elder male (Nathan Zellner) and an energetic youngster (Christophe Zajac-Denek) contend with a predatory mountain lion, poisonous mushrooms and the ferocity of the elements.

In amusing vignettes, one bigfoot gets high by sniffing a skunk's fur while another creates an imaginary friend from his balled-up fist.

Gentle laughs are frequently undercut by stunned silence. Death comes quickly and matter of factly.

Exemplary full-body foam latex suits fashioned by creature and prosthetics designer Steve Newburn allow the cast to vanish beneath pungent pelts matted with every conceivable excretion.

Answering the call of the wild is clearly exceedingly messy.



**ON LOOKOUT FUR LAUGHS**  
Bigfoot tribe

### ULTRAMAN: RISING

Cert PG ★★★★★  
On Netflix now

Writer-director Shannon Tindle's high-octane computer-animated adventure adds a lustrous sheen to the superpowered Japanese character dating back to the mid-1960s.



**SURROGATE** 'Parent' Ultraman caring for the baby kaiju

Los Angeles Dodgers baseball star Ken Sato (voiced by Christopher Sean) flies home to Japan to join the ranks of the Yomiuri Giants under hard-nosed coach Shimura (Artt Butler).

Secretly, the prodigal son has begrudgingly returned to Tokyo to take up the mantle as superhero Ultraman from his injured father (Gedde Watanabe).

During a fight between Gigantron and the Kaiju Defence Force led by scheming Dr Onda (Keone Young), Ultraman inherits the creature's newly hatched baby kaiju and the superhero embraces surrogate parenthood with fervour.

Writer-director Tindle and co-writer Marc Haimés, who previously worked together on the Oscar-nominated stop-motion fantasy Kubo And The Two Strings, evoke the wondrous film version of The Iron Giant with striking imagery of a giant robot protector towering over a wide-eyed child.

The Incredibles is another reference point with comical intergenerational angst punctuated by thunderous action-oriented set pieces. Stylised visuals are crisply rendered and a tragedy-laden storyline isn't overstuffed, setting up – somewhat predictably – a teaser in the end credits for a sequel.



**HUNTED**  
Cage with Jenkins and Martell

### ARCADIAN

Cert 15 ★★★★★  
In cinemas now

Conceived by screenwriter Michael Nilon during the pandemic, Arcadian is a post-apocalyptic survival thriller that imagines a deadly virus knocking humans off their pedestals, giving birth to gnarled, nocturnal beasts that hunt our ravaged species under a cloak of darkness.

Director Benjamin Brewer's picture unfolds through the eyes of a stricken family rallying against the otherworldly predators from a fortified farmhouse stronghold.

The claustrophobic set-up is eerily reminiscent of the 2017 psychological horror It Comes At Night starring Joel Edgerton, and the climactic scenes in A Quiet Place. However, Brewer stages his slick set pieces with the volume turned up and suspense dialled down to tolerable.

Creature design melds cartoonish and grotesque elements with staccato bursts of sound created when the beasts rapidly clack their jaws before they coalesce into a giant wheel and roll en masse after fugitive prey. A creepy centrepiece involving one digitally rendered interloper relies too heavily on crazy good fortune to withstand scrutiny.

Nicolas Cage's performances are usually the craziest element on screen but in Arcadian, the Oscar winner is surprisingly understated as a father willing to sacrifice everything. He allows young co-stars Jaeden Martell and Maxwell Jenkins to shine, although the script lingers with occasionally clunky dialogue.

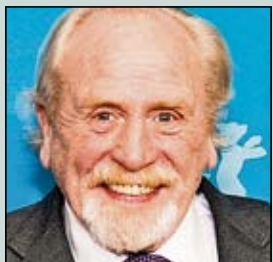


# HOT TV

## ALL THE TOP TELLY NEWS

with ED GLEAVE

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ROLE: Actor James

## It's Cos play, Sir

JAMES Cosmo has landed a role on **Karen Pirie**.

The actor will make his debut as new character toff Sir Broderick Grant on the next series.

A show insider said: "James will be at the centre of the action. This is a fantastic role."

Other stars who have joined the cast include former **Holby City** actor John Michie and **Six Four** star Saskia Ashdown.

Filming on the new episodes has already started on location in Scotland.

**TOBY Jones** has joined the cast of AppleTV+ drama **Hijack** for its second series.



FOCUS: Host North

## Jord on the Ball

JORDAN North is on a health kick so he'll be in tip-top shape for Capital's Summertime Ball.

The **I'm A Celebrity** star will be hosting the bash in front of 80,000 fans at Wembley Stadium - with millions watching on TV.

He said: "I'm basically coming off the booze for about 10 days before, because I want to be fighting fit and in the best shape."

"I'm hoping to go for a run in the morning. But that might not be possible because we're on-air even behind the scenes at the Ball, so we've got to get cracking!"

The event will air on June 23 at 6.30pm on ITV1.



## ALEXANDRA'S COCK-A-WHOOP

ALEXANDRA Burke isn't short of sparkle for her latest project.

The **X Factor** champion is starring in **Sister Act The Musical** as lounge singer Deloris Van Cartier - the role played by Whoopi Goldberg in the classic film.

As you can see, that means she gets to wear some very glitzy fashion.

And she's even got some eye-candy with former **Casualty** actor Lee Mead playing her love interest Eddie, below left.

The show also stars **Birds Of A Feather** actress Lesley Joseph and **Gavin & Stacey's** Ruth Jones.

It's running at London's Dominion Theatre until August 31.

# Racey Dooley

## CELEB SCANDALS

**STACEY Dooley** is launching a new podcast about celebrity scandals.

**Famously... On Trial** will look back at times when big names have had court cases, made bad decisions and been controversial.

They will include Kendall Jenner's bizarre Pepsi advert and Gwyneth Paltrow's split from Chris Martin.

And she'll be giving her no-holds-barred opinions about them.

Stacey said: "The internet pores forensically over celebrity controversies in and outside the courtroom, holding them to account by trial of public opinion."

"With increasingly savvy social-media users with immediate access to footage, audio and other evidence

from the courtroom, we all live these cases in real-time, and the public voice is louder than ever when any controversy is in the spotlight.

"Sometimes, the verdicts reached in the press or on social media are where someone's fate is truly decided."

Comedian Larry Dean, inset, will be helping Stacey to analyse the scandals.

He said: "As I'm pretty out of touch with celebrity culture, I should be able to give a totally objective view."

"Somehow being under-qualified qualifies me to judge!"

● **It will launch on Thursday on BBC Sounds.**



**COUNTRYFILE** and **The One Show** legend Matt Baker's show **Our Dream Farm** is set to return for another series on Channel 4.





<div>Turn back a page for today's HOT TV news</div> <div>All programmes are listed in British Summer Time (BST).</div> <div>film ratings</div> <div>★★★★★ Brilliant</div> <div>★★★★ Very Good</div> <div>★★★ Good</div> <div>★★ Average</div> <div>★ Bad</div> <div>(R) Repeat</div>	<div>BBC One</div> <div>6.00am Breakfast News headlines.</div> <div>9.30 Morning Live Magazine.</div> <div>10.45 Scam Interceptors An elderly man in a remote community is targeted by scammers.</div> <div>11.15 Homes Under the Hammer Properties in Leicestershire, Somerset and Blackpool. (R)</div> <div>12.15pm Bargain Hunt A pet-themed edition to celebrate the RSPCA's 200th anniversary.</div> <div>1.00 BBC News at One; Weather</div> <div>1.35 Regional News; Weather</div> <div>1.45 BBC News at One; Weather</div> <div>2.00 Hope Street A new taxi business opens in Port Devine.</div> <div>2.45 Escape to the Country Buyers seek a move from the USA to the East Midlands.</div> <div>3.45 Garden Rescue Designing an eco-friendly garden. (R)</div> <div>4.30 The Finish Line Five more contestants compete.</div> <div>5.15 Pointless Quiz, hosted by Alexander Armstrong, with guest co-host Lucy Porter. (R)</div> <div>6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather</div> <div>6.30 Regional News; Weather</div> <div>6.55 Party Election Broadcast (R)</div>	<div>BBC Two</div> <div>6.30am Homes Under the Hammer A bungalow in the beautiful Norfolk Broads. (R)</div> <div>7.30 Clive Myrie's Caribbean Adventure In Barbados. (R)</div> <div>8.00 Sign Zone: Mammals (R)</div> <div>9.00 BBC News Headlines.</div> <div>12.15pm Politics Live</div> <div>1.00 Impossible Quiz. (R)</div> <div>1.45 Mastermind The final. (R)</div> <div>2.45 Five Bedrooms Everyone is frantically preparing the house to be sold. Last in series. (R)</div> <div>3.35 Stanley Tucci: Searching for Italy The actor explores Italian food in London. (R)</div> <div>4.15 Great Bear Stakeout Part two of two. The grizzlies find food for the winter months. (R)</div> <div>5.15 Flog It! A collection of previously unseen finds from the show's travels. (R)</div> <div>6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games Kevin Eldon, Sarah Keyworth, Laila Rouass and John Whaite take part. (R)</div> <div>6.30 Clive Myrie's Caribbean Adventure The newsreader explores Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic.</div>	<div>ITV1</div> <div>6.00am Good Morning Britain A lively mix of news, current affairs and lifestyle features.</div> <div>9.00 Lorraine Entertainment and the latest fashion news.</div> <div>10.00 This Morning Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion. Including Local Weather.</div> <div>12.30pm Loose Women Celebrity interviews and topical debate.</div> <div>1.30 ITV News; Weather</div> <div>1.55 Regional News; Weather</div> <div>2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal The Dealers set up at Crewe Hall, as James Layte bargains for a page turner, and Simon Schneider browses some celebrity reading material. (R)</div> <div>3.00 Lingo Pairs compete in the word game. Adil Ray hosts. (R)</div> <div>3.59 Regional Weather</div> <div>4.00 Tipping Point Quiz show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)</div> <div>5.00 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)</div> <div>6.00 Regional News; Weather</div> <div>6.10 Party Election Broadcast</div> <div>6.15 ITV Evening News; Weather</div>	<div>Channel 4</div> <div>6.30am Cheers Double bill. (R)</div> <div>7.20 Everybody Loves Raymond Four episodes. (R)</div> <div>9.10 Frasier Four episodes. (R)</div> <div>11.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA The chef heads to Arizona. (R)</div> <div>12.05pm Channel 4 News</div> <div>12.10 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA A failing pizzeria in Los Angeles. (R)</div> <div>1.10 Car S.O.S Revisiting vehicles from the first four series. (R)</div> <div>2.10 Countdown With Sam Quek.</div> <div>3.00 A Place in the Sun Double bill. Penny and Russell are hunting for a holiday home in Mojacar, Spain; fitness instructor Lucy seeks a property in Malaga.</div> <div>5.00 Sun, Sea and Selling Houses A couple seek a retirement home that they can enjoy with their pets.</div> <div>6.00 Four in a Bed The hosts meet one last time to find out what they've been paid. (R)</div> <div>6.30 The Simpsons Marge begins a new life protecting endangered creatures. (R)</div>	<div>Channel 5</div> <div>6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV.</div> <div>9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion.</div> <div>11.15 Storm Huntley Storm Huntley carries on the discussion and takes your calls to discuss the biggest stories of the day.</div> <div>12.45pm Friends Double bill. Rachel considers moving out; Rachel tells her father she is pregnant, prompting him to confront Ross. (R)</div> <div>1.40 5 News at Lunchtime</div> <div>1.45 Home and Away Stevie puts Remi in charge of entertaining her film crew guests. (R)</div> <div>2.15 <b>FILM</b> Dangerous Love (2022, PG) When recently divorced Laura meets a stranger online, her daughter soon grows suspicious. Thriller, starring Vivica A Fox. ★★★★★</div> <div>4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun Colin Brown prepares to welcome a family of seven to the B&amp;B. (R)</div> <div>5.00 5 News at 5 Headlines.</div> <div>6.00 Party Election Broadcast</div> <div>6.05 Argos: How Do They Really Do It? The secrets of the retailer (R); 5 News Update</div>
					
	11.25pm, <b>TINKER TAILOR SOLDIER SPY:</b> Gary Oldman	8pm, <b>GARDENERS' WORLD:</b> Monty Don	3pm, <b>LINGO:</b> Adil Ray	9pm, <b>CELEBRITY GOGGLEBOX:</b> Sue and Jane	8pm, <b>DALGLIESH:</b> Bertie Carvel
	<div>7</div> <div>7.00 The One Show Live chat and topical reports, presented by Alex Jones and Clara Amfo.</div> <div>7.30 The Panorama Interviews with Nick Robinson The journalist questions Labour's Keir Starmer as the election campaign continues. (R)</div>	<div>7.00 Digging for Britain: The Greatest Discoveries Alice Roberts visits archaeological digs around the country. (R)</div> <div>7.30 Beechgrove Garden Kirsty Wilson discusses what to sow and plant in order to attract birds to the area.</div>	<div>6.30 <b>LIVE</b> UEFA Euro 2024 Germany v Scotland (kick-off 8.00pm). Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the Group A match from Munich Football Arena, as hosts Germany kick off the 2024 tournament against Steve Clarke's side. Julian Nagelsmann's team go into the tournament having qualified automatically, and are one of the favourites to win the competition. They are looking to win their first major trophy since the World Cup in 2014, and their first European Championship victory since 1996. Scotland qualified for their second consecutive Euros after finishing below Spain, but comfortably ahead of the likes of Norway and Georgia. In their last appearance in the finals three years ago, they finished bottom of their group behind rivals England, Croatia and Czech Republic, and they haven't won a game at this tournament since a 1-0 victory against Switzerland back in the group stages of the 1996 competition.</div> <div>10.45 ITV News; Weather</div>	<div>7.00 Channel 4 News A round-up of all the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's leading sports stories and weather.</div> <div>7.55 Party Election Broadcast</div>	<div>7.00 The Motorway Hotel Head Chef James tries out new apprentice Kaylan, and the annual national Maize Maze awards is meant to be in town, but snowfall sends the M6 into chaos and threatens to ruin the event. Last in series; 5 News</div>
	<div>8</div> <div>8.00 Michael Mosley: The Doctor Who Changed Britain A tribute to the medic and broadcaster.</div> <div>8.30 Outnumbered The arrival of Pete's goddaughter from Australia has an unfortunate effect on the household. (R)</div>	<div>8.00 Gardeners' World Monty Don, Nick Bailey, Adam Frost, Sue Kent, Carol Klein and Frances Tophill are Birmingham-bound for the annual Gardeners' World Live event. Plus, an expert grower shares her passion for orchids.</div>		<div>8.00 The Dog House Youngster Harry is hoping to find a best friend who likes to play fetch and Ollie the ball-mad spaniel seems a perfect match. Meanwhile, Trini from London contends with sassy fluffball Balloo. (R)</div>	<div>8.00 Dalgliesh Adam and Miskin attend the murder scene of Rita O'Keefe, whose nephew Garry Ashe emerges as chief suspect. At his trial, defence barrister Venetia Aldridge smoothly secures an acquittal, but when she is also found dead, Dalgliesh is soon on the hunt for a missing paperknife, and a motive. Crime drama based on PD James' best-selling novels about Inspector Adam Dalgliesh, starring Bertie Carvel, Carlyss Peer and Alistair Brammer.</div>
	<div>9</div> <div>9.00 Death in Paradise Locals on the Caribbean island of Saint Marie make plans to celebrate the New Year – only for the festivities to be cut short when a masked man stabs a woman in her own home. Crime drama guest starring Nina Wadia. (R)</div>	<div>9.00 Hidden Treasures of the National Trust At Chirk Castle, a rare portrait of a servant from the 18th century reveals its secrets. And in Oxburgh Hall, two hidden treasures are brought back into the light. Last in series.</div>		<div>9.00 Celebrity Gogglebox Famous faces – including Nick Grimshaw and his niece Liv, Ellie Simmonds and Richie Anderson, Jane McDonald and her friend Sue, and Rylan and his mum Linda – critique the week's biggest TV shows.</div>	
	<div>10</div> <div>10.00 BBC News at Ten</div> <div>10.30 Regional News; Weather</div> <div>10.40 MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024 Highlights Germany v Scotland. Alex Scott presents action from the Group A match at Munich Football Arena, as the tournament got under way.</div>	<div>10.00 QI Sandi Toksvig looks at tubes and tubas in a totally tubular show, featuring panellists Alan Davies, Sara Pascoe, Bridget Christie and Deborah Frances-White. (R)</div> <div>10.30 Newsnight The day's national and international news stories.</div>		<div>10.00 The Nevermets Twenty-four-year-old Leah from Glasgow prepares to meet her American lover Chad – who's 48 and lives with his 16-year-old daughter – for the first time in person, after two months of communicating online.</div>	<div>10.00 <b>LIVE</b> UK vs Germany Fight Night Macaulay McGowan v Abass Baraou. Coverage of the bout for the European Super Welterweight title at Bolton Whites Hotel. Baraou won this title on English soil last time out when he defeated Sam Eggington via majority decision in Telford just three months ago, but McGowan will be hoping to claim his first professional title. Other fights pitting British and German fighters against each other are on the card, with hot prospect Dan Toward among those in action.</div>
	<div>11</div> <div>11.25 <b>FILM</b> Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (2011, 15) A former intelligence operative is brought out of retirement to uncover a Soviet mole in a high-ranking position in MI6. Cold War thriller, starring Gary Oldman and Colin Firth. ★★★★★</div>	<div>11.05 <b>FILM</b> Dear Evan Hansen (2021, 12) Film adaptation of the Tony and Grammy Award-winning musical about Evan Hansen, a high-school senior with a social anxiety disorder. Starring Ben Platt and Julianne Moore. ★★★★★</div>	<div>11.20 Regional News; Weather</div> <div>11.30 <b>FILM</b> Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991, 15) A cyborg is sent back in time to protect the future saviour of the human race. Sci-fi adventure sequel, with Arnold Schwarzenegger. ★★★★★</div>	<div>11.05 <b>FILM</b> The Inbetweeners Movie (2011, 15) Awkward teenagers Simon, Will, Jay and Neil head to Greece for a wild holiday – but things do not go to plan. Comedy, with Joe Thomas, Simon Bird and Blake Harrison. ★★★★★</div>	
	<div>12</div> <div>1.25am Euro 2024 Match Replay. Germany v Scotland. A chance to see the Group A match at Munich Football Arena. With commentary by Steve Wilson and James McFadden. 3.05 Weather for the Week Ahead. A look ahead to the latest forecast. 3.10-6.00am BBC News. Headlines.</div>	<div>1.10am Sign Zone: The Wrong Man: 17 Years Behind Bars. An innocent man failed by the criminal justice system. (R) 2.10 Sign Zone: Andi Oliver's Fabulous Feasts. Andi revisits her past. Last in series.(R) 3.10 Sign Zone: David &amp; Jay's Touring Toolshed (R) 3.40-6.15am This Is BBC Two</div>	<div>1.40am Shop on TV 3.00 The Larkins. The family do all they can to get Pop out of prison, while Mariette tells him he is going to be grandfather, but swears him to secrecy. Ma is surprised by an about-turn from Norma. (R) 3.50 Unwind with ITV 5.05-6.00am Katie Piper's Breakfast Show (R)</div>	<div>12.55am <b>FILM</b> Skyscraper (2018, 12) Action thriller, starring Dwayne Johnson. ★★★★★ 2.35 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back. Gordon visits Bayou on the Vine in Kansas City. (R) 3.25 Come Dine with Me: four episodes (R) 5.35 Escape to the Chateau (R) 5.45-6.10am Frasier (R)</div>	<div>12.05am Ultimate Police Interceptors (R) 1.00 Entertainment News on 5 1.15 PlayOJO Live Casino Show 3.15 Secret Scotland with Susan Calman (R) 4.05 Britain's Greatest Bridges (R) 4.50 Wildlife SOS (R) 5.15 House Doctor (R) 5.40 Entertainment News on 5 5.45-6.00am Paw Patrol (R)</div>



## ITV2

Freeview 6

**6.00am** CITV **9.00** World's Funniest Videos  
**9.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **10.00** Love Bites **12.00noon** Dress to Impress **1.00** Deal or No Deal  
**2.00** Family Fortunes **3.00** Veronica Mars **4.00** Dawson's Creek. Drama. **5.00** Dress to Impress. Dating show.  
**6.00** **Celebrity Catchphrase** With Richard Ayoade, Katie McGlynn and Joe Swash.  
**7.00** **Deal or No Deal** Gameshow, hosted by Stephen Mulhern.  
**8.00** **Bob's Burgers** Double bill.  
**9.00** **Love Island** The islanders reach the end of the second week in paradise.  
**10.05** **The Stand Up Sketch Show** With Rhys James and Helen Bauer.  
**10.35** **Family Guy** Animated double bill.  
**11.35** **American Dad!** Stan and Francine's social life gets a boost.  
**12.05am** **American Dad!** Animation.  
**12.35** **The Sex Lives of College Girls**  
**1.45** **Don't Hate the Playaz** **2.30** **Unwind** with ITV **3.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

## Dave

Freeview 19

**6.00am** Teleshopping **7.20** **Cop Car Workshop** **8.05** **The Force: Behind the Line** **8.40** **Top Gear** **12.00noon** **Storage Hunters UK**: four episodes **2.00** **Extreme Fishing** with Robson Green **3.00** **Top Gear** **5.00** **Hairy Bikers' Best of British**  
**6.00** **Rick Stein's Secret France** The chef heads through France's eastern border regions of Alsace and Jura.  
**7.00** **Would I Lie to You?** With Jo Brand, Roisin Conaty, Paul Foot and Ray Mears.  
**7.40** **Richard Osman's House of Games** Double bill. With Roger Black, Jo Brand, Sanjeev Kohli and Tiff Stevenson; with Maisie Adam and James Cracknell.  
**9.00** **QI XL** With Ross Noble and Jack Dee.  
**10.00** **Have I Got 2021 News for You**  
**11.00** **Taskmaster** Gameshow.  
**12.00m't** **Mock the Week**. Comedy panel show. **12.40** **Would I Lie to You?** **1.20** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **2.30** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **3.20** Room 101 **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

## E4

Freeview 13

**6.00am** **Hollyoaks** **7.00** **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** **9.00** **Brooklyn Nine-Nine** **10.00** **Young Sheldon** **11.00** **Modern Family** **12.00noon** **The Big Bang Theory** **2.00** **The Goldbergs** **3.00** **Modern Family** **4.00** **Young Sheldon** **5.00** **The Big Bang Theory**: double bill  
**6.00** **The Big Bang Theory** Double bill.  
**7.00** **Hollyoaks** Cleo's slip of the tongue makes Marie suspicious.  
**7.30** **Come Dine with Me** Social worker Ruth tries to impress her guests with her Jewish-Irish fusion menu.  
**8.00** **Dance Moms** Bride-to-be Melissa loses her temper at Christi and Kelly.  
**9.00** **FILM** **Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines** (2003, 12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. ★★  
**11.05** **Naked Attraction** Dating show.  
**12.10am** **The Big Bang Theory** **1.10** **Brooklyn Nine-Nine** **2.15** **Modern Family** **3.30** **Dance Moms** **4.15** **The Neighborhood** **5.05-6.00am** **Brooklyn Nine-Nine**

## Variations &amp; S4C

**WALES** As BBC1 except: **1.35-1.45pm** BBC Wales Today; Weather **6.30** BBC Wales Today; Weather **6.55** Party Election Broadcast **7.00-7.30** Nick Servini Interviews... **8.30-9.00** Iolo's Valleys. Iolo heads up the valleys north of Newport. Last in series. **10.30** BBC Wales Today; Weather **10.40** Paranormal: The Village That Saw Aliens **11.10** Paranormal: The Village That Saw Aliens **11.40** MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024 Highlights **12.25-1.25am** Picht Invasion: How the Scottish and Irish Changed Football  
**WALES** As BBC2 except: **7.00pm** The One Show **7.30-8.00pm** Springwatch in Wales. The journey begins in the ancient Celtic rainforest.

**MERIDIAN** As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Meridian **6.00-6.10** ITV News Meridian **11.20-11.30pm** ITV News Meridian

**CENTRAL** As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Central **6.00-6.10** ITV News Central **11.20-11.30pm** ITV News Central

**ITV WALES** As ITV1 except: **1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Cymru Wales **6.00** ITV News Wales at Six **6.10-6.15** Party Election Broadcast **11.20-11.30pm** ITV News Cymru Wales

## Telly movies

**TERMINATOR 3: RISE OF THE MACHINES** ★★ (2003) E4, 9pm  
 Future saviour of humanity John Connor finds the time-travelling machines haven't given up on killing him, and have sent a new Terminator to take him out. This time, it's also aiming to bump off as many future resistance officers as it can. However, help is on hand in the form of a certain familiar model of cyborg. With Arnold Schwarzenegger and Nick Stahl.  
**THE INBETWEENERS MOVIE** ★★ (2011) Channel 4, 11.05pm  
 Friends Will (Simon Bird), Simon (Joe Thomas), Jay (James Buckley) and Neil (Blake Harrison) are now 18 years old and can finally escape the clutches of school. They head off on a holiday to picturesque Crete, where the hormonally charged young men meet Alison (Laura Haddock), Jane (Lydia Rose Bewley), Lisa (Jessica Knappett) and Lucy (Tamla Kari).

## GB News

F'view 236

**6.00am** Breakfast with Stephen and Anne **9.30** Britain's Newsroom **12.00noon** Good Afternoon Britain **3.00** Martin Daubney. Updates.  
**6.00** **Dewbs & Co** Plain-speaking, straight-talking – Michelle Dewberry delivers her take on the day's news.  
**7.00** **Vote 2024: The People Decide** Complete coverage of the general election campaign. All the twists and turns as parties try to win votes.  
**8.00** **Friday Night Live with Mark Dolan** Big stories and big guests.  
**9.00** **Patrick Christys Tonight**  
**11.00** **Headliners** An all-star comedy cast take an intelligent and insightful look at tomorrow's headlines. With Simon Evans and Dominic Frisby.  
**12.00m't** **Vote 2024: The People Decide** **1.00** **Friday Night Live with Mark Dolan** **2.00** **Headliners Replay** **3.00** **Patrick Christys Tonight Replay** **5.00-6.00am** **Headliners Replay**

## More4

Freeview 18

**8.55am** **A Place in the Sun** **10.25** **A New Life in the Sun** **11.25** **Find It, Fix It, Flog It** **12.30pm** **Come Dine with Me**: five episodes **3.10** **Four in a Bed**: five episodes **5.50** **Chateau DIY**. Janet and Philip are pushed to breaking point.  
**6.55** **PopMaster TV** Double bill. With contestants from Kent, Glasgow, Hertfordshire, Dagenham and York; with contestants from Worcester, Perth, Glasgow, Southport and Bedford.  
**9.00** **Astrid: Murder in Paris** A man is killed in an ultra-secure factory and the main suspect vanishes – only to return in a haze of strange events. In French.  
**10.05** **24 Hours in A&E** Double bill. A woman is brought in with suspected sepsis; a 20-year-old woman is rushed in after being involved in a car crash.  
**12.10am** **8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown** **1.15** **The Twelve: Cinderella Murder**. Drama. **2.25** **24 Hours in A&E** **3.30-4.00am** **A Place in the Sun**

## HotTV CHOICE With Mike Ward



being the folk at Oxburgh Hall, a 15th-century country house in Norfolk.

It was found when they dug up the floorboards as part of some urgent building work. It wasn't so much the nest itself that interested them, however, but what they found inside it – namely, scraps of ancient

clothing, seemingly dating back centuries. Clothing worn not by Mr Rat himself, which would obviously have been even more interesting ("Hey, look over here, guys, I've found a teensy-weensy pair of ratty undercrackers!"), but by the awfully posh human ladies and gents who lived above the floorboards at the time.

"He's obviously a very choosy rat," observes descendant Sir Henry Bedingfeld, the house's current occupant.

Despite being dirty, crumpled and approximately 500 years old, these fragments of material (you didn't think I was

describing Sir Henry there, did you?), could reveal all sorts. So they're sent off to the National Trust's textiles conservation team, in the hope that these specialists can find out more about their origin.

If their tests prove successful (first, they have to clean the material with a tiny vacuum cleaner, then they have to put it in a sort of miniature steam room), the fabrics could reveal all kinds of fascinating stuff about life at Oxburgh half a millennium ago.

If not, well, hey, I guess they'll always come in handy as dusters. Waste not, want not.

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Sport

**SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT**  
**6.00am** Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Euros. A round-up of the all the Euros news.  
**8.00** **LIVE** **Super Rugby** Blues v Brumbies (kick-off 8.05am). The semi-final match at Eden Park.  
**10.00** **LIVE** **Tennis** The Libema Open. Coverage of day five of the WTA and ATP grass court events, held at Autotron Rosmalen in s-Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands, featuring the quarter-finals.  
**12.30pm** **LIVE** **US Open Golf** Coverage of the second day of the Major, in North Carolina.  
**1.00am** **LIVE** **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** New Zealand v Uganda. Coverage of the Group C match from Brian Lara Cricket Academy.  
**5.30-6.00am** **LIVE** **Super Rugby** Hurricanes v Chiefs (kick-off 5.35am). Live coverage of the semi-final match at Sky Stadium in Wellington.

**SKY SPORTS CRICKET**  
**6.00am** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **7.30** ICC T20 World Cup 2021 **8.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **2.10pm** Best of ICC WT20. Australia v Pakistan. **2.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup  
**3.00** **LIVE** **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** USA v Ireland. The Group A match at Central Broward Park & Broward County Stadium in Florida.  
**7.00** **LIVE** **Vitality T20 Blast Cricket** Birmingham Bears v Yorkshire Vikings. Action from the North Group match at Edgbaston.  
**10.15** Best of T20 Blast Finals Day **10.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **11.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup. England v Oman. Highlights.  
**12.00m't** **LIVE** **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** South Africa v Nepal. Coverage of the Group D match at Arnos Vale Stadium, Kingstown, Saint Vincent.  
**4.30** **LIVE** **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** New Zealand v Uganda. The Group C match.  
**5.30-6.00am** ICC Men's T20 World Cup

**SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL**  
**6.00am** Championship Retro **8.45** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** Championship Retro **12.00noon** EFL Greatest Games. From the 2018/19 season. **1.00** Championship Season Review. The 2020/21 campaign. **2.00** Best Goals Of The Carabao Cup 2020/21 **2.30** EFL Trophy Football **3.00** Championship Retro **5.30** EFL Greatest Games **6.00** Paris: Born to Play **6.30** EFL Greatest Games **7.00** Championship Season Review **8.00** Best Goals: Efl Cup 2021-22 **8.30** EFL Trophy Football **9.00** Old Firm Derby Best Goals **9.30** SPFL: Edinburgh Derby Best Goals **10.00** SPFL Greatest Games **12.00m't** EFL Greatest Games **1.00** Championship Retro **3.00** EFL Cup Retro. The 2013 final. **5.00-6.00am** EFL Rivalries

**TNT SPORTS 1**  
**6.00am** Fishing: On the Bank **7.00** WWE Raw Highlights **8.00** Sign Up – Into Football **8.45** Ultimate Pool. Ultimate Pool Pairs Cup Group 2.  
**10.15** **LIVE** **AFL** Brisbane Lions v St Kilda Saints (bounce-up 10.40am). Coverage of the match from Brisbane Cricket Ground.  
**1.30pm** UEFA Europa Conference League. Olympiacos v Fiorentina. **2.00** UEFA Europa League **2.30** UEFA Champions League **3.00** Premier League Stories **3.30** Premier League Review **4.30** Premier League World Beaters **7.00** **LIVE** **WWE Friday Night SmackDown** Wrestling action from WWE Friday Night SmackDown at OVO Hydro in Glasgow.  
**9.00** Fight Inc: Inside the UFC **11.00** Premier League World Beaters **12.00m't** Euro 2024 – Agree or Disagree **12.15** Inside Serie A **12.45** UEFA Champions League Goals Reload. From the quarter-finals. **1.00** NBA Action  
**1.30** **LIVE** **NBA** Dallas Mavericks v Boston Celtics (tip-off 1.30am). Game four of the NBA Finals.  
**4.00** NBA Action. A round-up of the latest action.  
**4.30-7.30am** **LIVE** **AFL** Western Bulldogs v Fremantle Dockers (bounce-up 4.45am).

**TNT SPORTS 2**  
**11.30am** Badminton Weekly **11.45** PSA Squash Highlights **12.45pm** Euro 2024 – Agree or Disagree **1.00** MLB Highlights **2.00** Hockey **6.00** MLB Plays of the Week **6.30** MLB: Off the Bat. Action from Major League Baseball.  
**7.00** **LIVE** **MLB** Chicago Cubs v St Louis Cardinals (start time 7.20pm). Coverage of the National League match from Wrigley Field.  
**10.15** TNT Sports Cricket Reload **10.30** MLB Highlights **11.30** MLB: Off the Bat **12.00m't** **LIVE** **MLB** Boston Red Sox v New York Yankees (start time 12.10am). Coverage of the American League match from Fenway Park.  
**3.15** Fishing: On the Bank **4.15** TNT Sports Goals Reload **4.30** TNT Sports Reload **5.00-6.00am** PSA Squash Highlights

**EUROSPORT 1**  
**6.00am** Cycling: Tour of Belgium **7.00** Tour of Switzerland **8.00** Mountain Biking **9.00** Olympic Games **10.00** Tour of Belgium **11.00** Tour of Switzerland **12.00noon** Tour of Slovenia  
**2.00** **LIVE** **Tour of Belgium** Stage three, 188.2km from Turnhout to Scherpenheuvel-Zichem.  
**4.00** **LIVE** **Mountain Biking** Coverage of the World Cup meeting from Val di Sole in Italy, featuring the cross-country short-track events.  
**5.30** Roland-Garros **7.00** Cycling **9.00** Mountain Biking **10.00** Roland-Garros **11.00** Cycling **1.00am** FIA World Endurance Championship **2.00** Cycling **4.00** British Speedway **5.00-6.00am** FIA World Endurance Championship

Entertainment & Factual

**BBC THREE** Freeview 23  
**7.00pm** Top Gear **8.00** The Traitors US **9.00** **NEW** Paranormal: The Village That Saw Aliens **10.00** A Very British Cult **11.00** Ladhoo **11.50** I Kissed a Boy **12.40am** Confessions of a Teenage Fraudster **1.25** Boot Dreams: Now or Never **2.25** Ladhoo **2.50** Paranormal: The Village That Saw Aliens **3.50-4.00am** Press X to Continue  
**BBC FOUR** Freeview 9  
**7.00pm** TOTP: 1996 **8.00** TOTP: 1987 **8.30** TOTP: 1982 **9.00** Disco at the BBC: Volume 2. Classics from the archive. **10.00** Disco: Soundtrack of a Revolution **11.00** Boogie Fever: A TOTP2 Disco Special **12.30am** Sounds of the 70s **1.00** Disco at the BBC: Volume 2 **2.00** TOTP: 1996 **3.00** TOTP: 1987 **3.30-4.00am** TOTP: 1982

**5USA** Freeview 21  
**9.00am** NCIS **9.55** Entertainment News on 5 **10.00** NCIS **12.00noon** Law & Order **5.55** Entertainment News on 5 **6.00** NCIS **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **1.55am** The Blacklist **2.50** Criminal Minds **3.35-4.00am** 999: Criminals Caught on Camera  
**ITV3** Freeview 10  
**6.00am** Classic Emmerdale **7.00** Classic Coronation Street **8.05** Agatha Christie's Poirot **10.30** The Royal **11.35** Heartbeat **1.40pm** Classic Emmerdale **2.40** Classic Coronation Street **3.40** Inspector Morse **5.55** Heartbeat **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Shetland **11.30** Lewis **1.10am** Upstairs, Downstairs **2.05-2.30am** Unwind with ITV  
**ITV4** Freeview 26  
**6.00am** World of Sport **6.10** Minder **7.10** The Sweeney **8.10** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **9.15** Magnum, PI **10.20** Kojak **11.25** BattleBots **12.25pm** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **1.35** Magnum, PI **2.40** Kojak **3.40** Minder **4.50** The Sweeney **6.00** **LIVE** World Series of Darts. Coverage of the first day of the Poland Darts Masters. **10.00** All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite **12.00m't** Made in Britain **1.00** The Sweeney **1.55** The Protectors **2.25-3.00am** Unwind with ITV

**REALLY** Freeview 17  
**6.00am** Fantasy Homes in the City **7.00** Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** Salvage Hunters **10.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **11.00** Antiques Road Trip **12.00noon** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Antiques Road Trip **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **10.00** Ghost Adventures **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **12.00m't** Unexplained: Caught on Camera **1.00** Paranormal: Caught on Camera **2.00-4.00am** Teleshopping  
**SKY ARTS** Freeview 36  
**6.00am** Charles Hazlewood: Beethoven & Me **7.00** Classic FM Rising Stars with Julian Lloyd Webber 2022 **8.00** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Peter Ustinov **12.00noon** The Joy of Painting **1.00** Tales of the Unexpected **1.55** Mae West: Dirty Blonde **3.00** Camille Pissarro: The Father of Impressionism **4.00** Discovering **5.00** The Joy of Painting

**BBC RADIO 1**  
**97.6-99.8MHz** **6.33am** Best New Pop **6.57** Newsbeat **7.00** Breakfast with Matt and Mollie **10.00** Anthems with Matt and Mollie **10.30** Newsbeat **10.32** Radio 1 Anthems **11.02** Danny Beard **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Radio 1 at Download **4.00** The Official Chart with James Cusack **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Dance Party with Danny Howard **8.00** Future Dance with Sarah Street **10.00** Pete Tong **12.00m't** Essential Mix **2.00** Radio 1 Dance Presents **3.00** Danny Howard Club Mix **4.00** Anthems **5.00-6.00am** Relax  
**BBC RADIO 2**  
**88-91MHz** **6.30am** Zoe Ball **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00noon** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Scott Mills **3.30** Scott Mills' Wonder Years **4.00** Sara Cox **7.00** Michelle Visage **8.30** Michelle Visage's Handbag Hits **9.00** Good Groove with DJ Spooky **11.00** The Rock Show with Johnnie Walker **12.00m't** Romesh Ranganathan: For the Love of Hip-Hop **1.00** Lionel Richie at the BBC **2.00** Angela Griffin **3.00** Sophie Ellis-Bextor **5.00-6.00am** Radio 2 in Concert: Van Morrison  
**BBC RADIO 3**  
**90.2-92.4MHz** **6.30am** Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00pm** Classical Live **4.00** Composer of the Week: Gibbons **5.00** In Tune **7.00** Classical Mixtape **7.30** Friday Night Is Music Night **9.45** The Essay: Bohemians in T-Shirts **10.00** Late Junction **11.30** 'Round Midnight. The very best in jazz. **12.30-6.30am** Through the Night



**House Of The Dragon Sky Atlantic, 8.50pm**  
Ahead of the second season, which begins next week, here is another chance to see the first run's conclusion. Daemon (Matt Smith, left) is preparing for war.

**GOLD**  
**7.10am** The Fosters **8.05** The Green Grass **9.20** My Hero **10.00** Are You Being Served? **10.40** Still Open All Hours **11.20** Last of the Summer Wine **12.40pm** The Green Grass **1.20** My Hero **2.00** Still Open All Hours **2.40** Dad's Army **3.20** Are You Being Served? **4.00** Last of the Summer Wine **5.20** Still Open All Hours **6.00** The Green Grass **6.40** Dad's Army **8.00** Only Fools and Horses **8.40** The Thin Blue Line **9.20** Victoria Wood as Seen on TV **10.00** The Royle Family **10.40** Mrs Brown's Boys **12.00m't** Only Fools and Horses **12.40** The Thin Blue Line **1.20** Victoria Wood as Seen on TV **2.00** The Royle Family **2.30-4.00am** The Thin Blue Line  
**YESTERDAY** Freeview 27  
**6.10am** Hornby: A Model World **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **10.00** The World at War **11.00** World War Weird **12.00noon** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** The World at War **5.00** World War Weird **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Canal Boat Diaries **8.00** Hornby: A Model World **10.00** Bangers & Cash **11.00** Abandoned Engineering **12.00m't** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00-2.00am** Abandoned Engineering

**ALIBI**  
**7.10am** Murdoch Mysteries: double bill **9.00** The Coroner **10.00** Elementary **11.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **12.00noon** Father Brown **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Elementary **5.00** Father Brown **6.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **7.00** Elementary **8.00** Death in Paradise **11.20** Elementary **12.15am** Why Women Kill **1.20-2.20am** Unforgettable  
**SKY MAX**  
**6.00am** NCIS: Los Angeles **7.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **8.00** The Flash **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00noon** The Flash **1.00** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **6.00** Stargate SG-1

**CHOICE**  
**Friday Night Is Music Night Radio 3, 7.30pm**  
Clare Teal is at Cardiff's Hoddinott Hall to present a show celebrating music from popular American stage shows and films. There are songs from *Mary Poppins*, *Beauty And The Beast*, *Guys And Dolls*, *The Wizard Of Oz*, *Funny Girl*, *Singing In The Rain*, *West Side Story*, *Dear Evan Hansen* and *Wicked*.

**BBC RADIO 4**  
**FM 92.4-94.6MHz** **6.00am** Today **9.00** Desert Island Discs **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** There's Only One Michael Mosley **11.45** Book of the Week: All That Glitters **12.00noon** News **12.04** Rare Earth **1.00** The World at One **1.45** Understand: The UK Election **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Drama: The Specialist **2.45** Child **3.00** Gardeners' Question Time **3.45** Short Works **4.00** Last Word **4.30** More or Less **5.00** PM **6.00** News **6.30** The News Quiz **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Add to Playlist **8.00** Any Questions? **9.00** Free Thinking **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book at Bedtime: The Photographer **11.00** Americast **11.30** The Bottom Line: The Decisions That Made Me a Leader **12.00m't** News **12.30** Book of the Week: All That Glitters **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00** As BBC World Service **5.20** Shipping Forecast **5.30** News **5.43** Prayer for the Day **5.45-6.00am** NatureBang

**8.00** A League of Their Own: Mexican Road Trip **9.00** The Walking Dead: The Ones Who Live **10.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks **11.30** The Walking Dead **12.30am** Brit Cops: Rapid Response **1.30** Road Wars **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00-5.00am** S.W.A.T

**SKY ATLANTIC**  
**6.00am** The Guest Wing **7.55** Six Feet Under **10.05** Billions **12.15pm** Game of Thrones **1.20** The Sopranos **3.30** Six Feet Under **5.30** Billions **6.35** Gomorrah **7.35** Game of Thrones **8.50** House of the Dragon **10.00** House of the Dragon: War Room **11.00** The Time Traveler's Wife: triple bill **1.55am** Euphoria **3.05** Game of Thrones **4.20-6.00am** The Guest Wing

**SKY WITNESS**  
**6.00am** Air Ambulance ER **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** UK Border Force **9.00** 999 Frontline **10.00** Bull **11.00** Blue Bloods **12.00noon** New Amsterdam **1.00** 9-1-1 **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted **3.00** Caught Red Handed **4.30** Nothing to Declare **7.00** Caught on Dashcam **8.00** Chicago Med **9.00** Chicago Fire **10.00** Chicago PD **11.00** The Equalizer **12.00m't** The Cleaning Lady **1.00** The Rookie **2.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **3.00** FBI: Most Wanted **4.00** Bull **5.00-6.00am** Air Ambulance ER

**SKY COMEDY**  
**8.00am** Will & Grace **9.00** The Conners **10.00** Sort Of **10.30** Veep **11.40** Entourage **12.50pm** High Maintenance **2.10** Veep **3.20** Entourage **4.30** Sort Of **5.00** Will & Grace **6.00** The Office (US) **7.00** The Conners **8.00** Will & Grace **9.00** Young Rock **10.00** Jerrod Carmichael Reality Show **11.15** The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon **12.15am** Ricky Velez: Here's Everything **1.25** Sex and the City **2.40** Sort Of **3.10** Flatbush Misdemeanors **3.50-5.00am** High Maintenance

**DISCOVERY**  
**6.00am** How It's Made **7.00** Deadliest Catch **8.00** Building Off the Grid **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Demolition Down Under **11.00** Wheeler Dealers **1.00pm** Barnwood Builders **3.00** Gold Rush **4.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **6.00** Demolition Down Under **7.00** Bitchin' Rides **8.00** Gold Rush: Parker's Trail **9.00** Moonshiners **10.00** Blowing Up History **11.00** Outback Truckers **12.00m't** Gold Divers **1.00** Moonshiners **2.00** Blowing Up History **3.00** Gold Rush: Parker's Trail **4.00-5.00am** Moonshiners

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
**9.00am** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** World War II: Secrets from Above **11.00** Europe from Above **12.00noon** Car S.O.S **1.00** To Catch a Smuggler **2.00** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Drain the Oceans: Rise of the Roman Empire **4.00** Lost Treasures of Rome **5.00** Car S.O.S **6.00** Erased: WWII Heroes of Colour **7.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** Apocalypse: The Rise of Hitler **10.00** Churchill's German Army **11.00** Air Crash Investigation **12.00m't** To Catch a Smuggler **1.00** Drain the Oceans: Deep Dive **2.00** Abandoned **2.30** Food Factory **3.20** Lords of War **4.10-5.00am** Exotic Animal ER: Double Dose

**BBC RADIO 5 LIVE**  
**693/909kHz** **6.00am** Breakfast **9.00** Nicky Campbell **11.00** Chiles on Friday **1.00pm** Elis James and John Robins **2.00** Colin Murray **4.00** 5 Live Drive **6.30** 5 Live Sport **8.00** 5 Live Sport. Germany v Scotland (kick-off 8.00pm). **10.30** 6-0-6 **12.00m't** Lisa McCormick **4.00** The Toone and Russo Show **5.00-6.00am** 5 Live Boxing

**BBC RADIO WALES**  
**FM: 94.6MHz** **6.00am** News Update **6.05** Wake Up with Radio Wales **6.30** All Things Considered **7.00** Breakfast **9.00** Wynne Evans **12.00noon** The Phone In **2.00** Eleri Sion **5.00** Radio Wales Drive **6.28** Party Election Broadcast **6.30** Arts Show **7.00** Radio Wales Sport **10.00** Friday Night H **12.00m't** The Party Playlist with H **1.00** As Radio 5 Live **5.00-7.00am** Vicki Blight

**CLASSIC FM**  
**100-102MHz** **6.30am** Breakfast with Dan Walker **9.00** The Classic FM Hall of Fame Hour **10.00** Alexander Armstrong **1.00pm** Anne-Marie Minhall **4.00** Margherita Taylor **7.00** Classic FM at the Movies with Jonathan Ross **9.00** Traditional Tunes with Iona Stephen **10.00** Calm Classics **1.00am** Katie Breathwick **4.00-7.00am** Sam Pittis

**ABSOLUTE RADIO**  
**DAB 6.00am** Dave Berry **10.00** Leona Graham **1.00pm** Ben Burrell **4.00** Bush and Richie **7.00** Absolute 80s Greatest Hits with Claire Sturgess **10.00** Ben Coley **4.00-8.00am** Jennie Longdon

Movies

**FILM4**  
**11.00am** **13 Rue Madeleine** (1946/U) Second World War spy thriller, starring James Cagney and Walter Abel. **★★**  
**12.55pm** **Anne of the Indies** (1951/U) High-seas adventure, starring Jean Peters, Louis Jourdan and Debra Paget. **★★★**  
**2.35** **Rio Grande** (1950/U) Western, starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. **★★★★**  
**4.45** **A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood** (2019/PG) Director Marielle Heller's drama based on a true story, starring an Oscar and Bafta-nominated Tom Hanks. **★★★★**  
**6.55** **Sleepless in Seattle** (1993/PG) Romantic comedy, with Tom Hanks. **★★★★**  
**9.00** **Mission: Impossible – Fallout** (2018/12) The sixth entry in the action thriller saga, with Tom Cruise and Henry Cavill. **★★★★**  
**11.55** **Con Air** (1997/18) Action thriller, starring Nicolas Cage and John Malkovich. **★★★★**  
**2.10-3.55am** **Slice** (2018/15) Comedy horror, starring Chris Parnell and Paul Scheer. **★★★**

**SKY CINEMA PREMIERE**  
**7.00am** **The Great Escaper** (2023/12) See 8.00pm for details. **★★★★**  
**8.45** **Boonie Bears: Guardian Code** (2023/PG) Animation, featuring the voices of Joseph S Lambert and Paul 'Maxx' Rinehart. **★★★**  
**10.30** **Ride On** (2023/PG) Action drama, with Jackie Chan and Liu Haocun. **★★★★**  
**12.45pm** **The Great Escaper** (2023/12) See 8.00pm for details. **★★★★**  
**2.30** **Meg 2: The Trench** (2023/12) See 9.40pm for details. **★★★**  
**4.30** **Bonus Track** (2023/15) Comedy, with Joe Anders and Samuel Small. **★★★**  
**6.15** **Am I OK?** (2022/15) Romantic comedy drama, starring Dakota Johnson. **★★★**  
**8.00** **The Great Escaper** (2023/12) Premiere. A war veteran sneaks out of his care home in Hove to attend a D-Day commemoration. Drama, starring Michael Caine. **★★★★**  
**9.40** **Meg 2: The Trench** (2023/12) Thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham. **★★★**  
**11.40** **The Royal Hotel** (2023/18) Thriller, with Julia Garner and Jessica Henwick. **★★★**  
**1.15am** **Cult Killer** (2023/15) Thriller, starring Alice Eve and Antonio Banderas. **★★★**  
**3.15** **Am I OK?** (2022/15) See 6.15pm. **★★★**  
**5.00-6.40am** **The Inseparables** (2023/U) Animated adventure, featuring the voices of Monica Young and Danny Fehsenfeld. **★★★**

**SKY CINEMA DRAMA**  
**5.55pm** **The Girl on the Train** (2016/15) Thriller based on Paula Hawkins' novel, with Emily Blunt and Rebecca Ferguson. **★★★★**  
**8.00** **Lost in Translation** (2003/15) Sofia Coppola's comedy drama, starring Bill Murray and Scarlett Johansson. **★★★★★**  
**9.45** **Forrest Gump** (1994/12) Drama, with Tom Hanks and Sally Field. **★★★★★**  
**12.15am** **Guys and Dolls** (1955/PG) Musical, starring Frank Sinatra. **★★★★**  
**2.55** **The Pact** (2012/15) Horror, starring Caity Lotz and Casper Van Dien. **★★★**  
**4.35-6.40am** **Young at Heart** (1954/U) Musical, with Frank Sinatra and Doris Day. **★★★★**

**SKY CINEMA FAMILY**  
**4.00pm** **Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile** (2022/PG) Musical, starring Javier Bardem. **★★★★**  
**5.55** **Swallows and Amazons** (2016/PG) Period drama, with Rafe Spall. **★★★★**  
**7.45** **The Portable Door** (2023/PG) Fantasy, with Christoph Waltz and Sam Neill. **★★★★**  
**9.50** **The Tiger Rising** (2022/PG) Drama, with Dennis Quaid and Queen Latifah. **★★★**  
**11.45** **Step Dogs** (2013/U) Family comedy, starring Joris Jarsky and Ryan Belleville. **★★**  
**1.20am** **Hot Dog Derby** (2013/U) Family comedy, starring Jason London. **★★**  
**2.55** **Problem Child** (1990/PG) Comedy, with John Ritter and Michael Oliver. **★★★**  
**4.25-6.20am** **The Next Karate Kid** (1994/PG) Martial arts sequel, with Pat Morita. **★★★**

**TALKING PICTURES TV**  
**7.05pm** **Millions Like Us** (1943/U) Second World War drama, starring Patricia Roc, Eric Portman and Gordon Jackson. **★★★★**  
**9.05** **Without Warning** (1980/18) Horror, with Jack Palance and Martin Landau. **★★★**  
**11.00pm** **Serpent's Lair** (1995/18) Horror, with Jeff Fahey and Lisa Barbuscia. **★★★**  
**12.55am** **Unearthly Stranger** (1963/PG) Sci-fi adventure, starring John Neville. **★★★**  
**2.30-4.10am** **Deathsport** (1978/18) Sci-fi drama, starring David Carradine. **★★**

**GREAT! MOVIES**  
**5.00pm** **My Steppfather's Secret** (2019/12) Thriller, starring Paris Smith. **★★★**  
**6.45** **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** (1967/PG) Comedy drama, with Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn. **★★★★**  
**9.00** **16 Blocks** (2006/12) Police thriller, starring Bruce Willis and Mos Def. **★★★**  
**11.10pm** **First Kill** (2017/15) Action thriller, with Bruce Willis and Hayden Christensen. **★★★**  
**1.25am** **A Bronx Tale** (1993/18) Crime drama, starring Robert De Niro. **★★★★**  
**4.00-5.40am** **Hidden in Plain Sight** (2019/PG) Thriller, starring Victoria Barabas. **★★**



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**NO SIREE: David isn't posh**

## Beckham pathetic in his bid for gong

□ would somebody please tell David Beckham to stop ar\*\* licking to the royals it's pathetic. If that berk gets a knighthood it's a travesty. **Ollies mum**

□ finally a month of no repeats soaps and reality TV, football yes I suppose the soapsters will be moaning plz print this on red leader and John challenger page. **Anon**

□ I think the sweepstake for the Euros at work is fixed. I drew Narnia. **Duffy**

□ It is with great sadness that I read that an announcement of Mamam Est Partie, the death of a beautiful singer that I loved & enjoyed listening to the passing of Francoise Hardy, very special memory of an icon. **Lozza**

□ So Noel Gallagher hides his guitars so he can't be asked to play Oasis tunes. Nothing stops him singing a few songs, or has he lost his tongue as well. **Dave Cornwall**

□ Noel Gallagher should've hidden his guitar up years ago he's 57 for pity's sake!! **Jimmi Peters DISS.**

□ according to Emmerdale dont doctors have it easy never working. **Turbo**

□ we are the only town that not got newsagent and supermarket we are in the dark ages we need one the shops never got what you want its a pain. **tam tam**

□ wednesday has been known as little saturday in north east scotland for a very loooooong time so its nothing new here. **mr coffee**

□ Fast forward to july 1st 2024 - statement from the met office - 'it has been the hottest and driest june for over 100 billion years.' **Dave**

# Sunak's hardship is like Python's 4 Yorkshiremen

□ Ella Purnell lights up Fallout. Bring on season 2. How about a pic? **Flaming Keith**



□ All the party leaders trying to out do each other with their 'tough' upbringing, particularly sunak who had it tough because he didn't have sky TV, reminded me of the classic monty python '4 yorkshiremen' sketch. Same bulls\*\*t. **Dave from coppull**

□ Poor rishi sunak had to go without sky TV when he was a kid, we did not have a inside toilet and bath until I was 16, we didn't have a cooker or fridge until I was 18, or a colour TV, this was 1975, and my heart bleeds for this man who has over £700 million pounds in the bank. **mettyesh Durham**

□ Rishi sunak, try no heating, coal fire, (because its too dear, no change there then), cheap food, once a day have a few baked beans, some soup, 2 small pies with HP sauce on them now, no new clothes, hand me downs, no smart phone, no laptop, computer, growing up with bbc1 & atv, no bbc2 until 1968, no bike to go to school, watch your dad's health diminish due to cancer, no double glazing, no central heating, no hot water boilers, power cuts, candles, my dad's bad health due to ww1 & ww11, his reward

Territorial Decoration, died aged 57, you have not gone without squire there are millions of pensioners out there, even disabled, still paying rent, mortgages, taxes, council, gas & elec, & water, all increased by consrvatives, tell me again how hard you've had it pal, wives, husbands, families wrecked by covid 19, & Boris wanted us to die. You were chancellor. **Laurence**

□ if you want to see how out of touch biggles sunak is, there is a video on youtube of young rishi saying how he has upper class

friends middle class friends working class friends, then he stops himself and says well not working class. this statement speaks volumes at how our so called leaders see us, it is the working men and women of this land that are the backbone, it is the grafters who built this country not the effite snobs and fops, these over privileged posh boys who may have suffered the hardship of no sky tv but have never gone without food or warmth are an embarrassment to our country, they are fools who know nothing of the people they claim to lead. **john challenger**

□ Rishi's parents were medical professionals. On the subject of upbringing, is there anyone who doesn't yet know that Keir Starmer's Dad was a toolmaker? **Dave Pinfold**

□ I feel so sorry for Rishi Sunak being denied sky tv as a child,

**JOKES OF THE DAY**  
Hey Rishi, we on our estate had sky as kids. We would've been a lot happier with a roof though. **Fran McMahon**  
Just keep digging Rishi. Just keep digging mate. **Lol. ZIGGY**

yet under his government there are more children living below the poverty line and relying on food banks, among Sunak's manifesto pledges he wants to increase the threshold to child benefit for those earning £120,000 - enough said i think. **Mr. C.**

□ LABOUR really pushing the boat out. Fixing potholes?? yep they need doing, but let's fix the N.H.S, get N.H.S DENTISTS for EVERYONE. Come on Labour get your PRIORITIES RIGHT. **Angry Els**

□ again as the Tories are in trouble and have wasted money they hit the disabled and vulnerable to try and feed their cash machine. **Chris D omagh**

□ Seventy-six pages in the Tory manifesto and not one mention of levelling up. I guess we know what the North means to them now. **RedLeader**

□ As I realised, years ago, the Conservative Party is full of working class people who pretend to be middle class, and the Labour Party is full of middle class people who pretend to be working class. **Lee J. Whitehouse, Rushall**

□ Shouldn't Manifesto's be legally binding? Also, let's not forget that its the Civil Service that run the country, not their politician mouth pieces. **Ada Nuff**

□ neva mind sunak rturning early frm D DAY cerimonio, how can he go t Cleethorpes n nt hav fish n chips, :-{ or did he?) **BOB**

## SNAP HAPPY



Percy smiles for the camera

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# JUST JANE



**JANE O'GORMAN SOLVES  
YOUR PROBLEMS TODAY  
... AND EVERY DAY**

## Missus is not a scream

MY new girlfriend howls, yelps and screams during sex. Once she starts getting close to orgasm, she retreats into a world of her own - in a sort of trance-like state. She becomes earthy and raw and has no inhibitions whatsoever. She's currently staying at my place for a few weeks. My house mates like her but have started to complain about the amount of noise she makes. One time I did try putting my hand over her mouth, but she went crazy. She ranted that I had no right to control her, and, with that, she screamed even louder. I love the woman but struggle to understand or relate to her. Help.

**JANE SAYS:** You have to talk to your girl away from the bedroom, or you will continue to upset your housemates. It could be that she gets so lost in the passion of the moment that she doesn't even realise that she is howling. Start by telling her that you love her energy and her passion, but she needs to understand that not everyone else (i.e. your house mates) share her need to express herself so vocally. Can you arrange to have sex when the others are out?

# Limp lover's such a let down in bed

## QUICKIES ARE ALL WE HAVE

MY fella is lovely - but completely useless in bed. He happily shops, cleans and cooks for me. But get him between the sheets and it's like making out with a piece of wet fish. He has no moves, no energy and no sex appeal. He reaches for the lube, slaps on a handful of gunk and then it's over and done within minutes. No caressing, no massage and no foreplay. In fact, he barely touches my bare skin at all. I'm left feeling frustrated and angry. I shout: "Was that it?" and he becomes defensive and hurt. I suggest we go again - this time with feeling - and he complains he's tired. I wouldn't say that he's a selfish lover, simply a very limp and disappointing one. Sometimes I grab my trusty sex toy and deliberately masturbate right in front of him. He calls me disgusting and attention seeking but what am I supposed to do when he may as well be wearing boxing gloves in bed? What really confuses me is that he should be the perfect man for me. We work in the same industry and have loads of mates in common. We share similar interests and look good together. Yet he hasn't got the first clue about turning me on. I haven't



Picture posed by models

**SICK OF FAKING IT:** She's been left frustrated by the lack of fireworks between the sheets

climaxed once in the six months we've been together and I'm sick of faking it. Whenever I suggest a different position or oral sex (either giving or receiving) he pulls a disgusted face. The first few times we went to bed, I put his bad performance down to nervousness. But we've just returned from a so-called "romantic weekend", which was as exciting as a bout of flu. What's his problem?

**JANE SAYS:** If you're inclined to give him one, last chance, then look him in the eye and explain that this is not the

way you wish to conduct your love life. Invite him into your bedroom and manage everything on your terms. Ask him to simply relax while you take the initiative. Start with a soothing massage. Show him how it's done and then ask him to touch you too. Slow things down if he tries to go too fast and, basically, leave him in no doubt about what you like and how you like it done... Then, see how he acts the next time you get naked together. If he's got any consideration and sense, then he'll

take on board everything you've shown him. However, if he really is lying to himself (and you) about his true sexuality or simply his feelings about you as a lover, then you'll have to show him the door. You can't force something that simply isn't there. If you and your boyfriend don't share a special spark, then that's very sad but these things happen. You and he have been hobbling along for six months. Surely the "unromantic" weekend was the final straw? Be careful not to waste your time.

## Loving pal talk mistake

I MADE the mistake of telling an old friend that I love him - and now he's stopped talking to me. We were at a wedding and emotions were running high. As the champagne corks popped I threw my arms around him. But he stiffened and pushed me away. I stumbled backwards and then he was gone. Now he's avoiding my calls. I get the impression I've killed our friendship forever. The only reason I spoke out was because he had said I looked gorgeous. What was I supposed to do when he was throwing out positive signals?

**JANE SAYS:** Give him the time and space he needs to calm down and cool off. Don't badger him. Instead, get on with seeing friends and keeping busy. Make some fun plans, set yourself challenges and just see what happens. He may be lovely guy, but there are lots of lovely guys in this world and you cannot allow one night to bring you down and kill your confidence. You got carried away on the night in question and crossed a line. So what? You're only human.



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## She won't call pad her home

MY partner still refers to her parents' house as "home". This drives me wild. She and I have worked our socks off to create a beautiful cottage by the seaside. How is our place not "home" considering we've lived here longer than she was with them? She left home at 18. She couldn't wait to get away.

**JANE SAYS:** Don't allow this to come between you. Maybe home will always be where her mum and dad reside. I'm sure that her heart is with you, but no one can replace her parents. Accept this one quirk and vow not to take it seriously. It takes nothing from your relationship. You know you are loved and appreciated.



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**LEO**

July 24 to August 23

EVEN if it is an inconvenience you seem to have no choice about having to attend an official meeting. You might be asked to take charge of arrangements at a moment's notice or your boss will demand you rejig your schedule in order to attend.

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AN interesting offer will be received but this will need some thinking over. If it involves you having to take on more commitments or you're being expected to pay up front, is this really the fantastic opportunity someone is making it out to be?

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August 24 to September 23

SOMEONE is promising bigger things than they can deliver. They may not intentionally do so but you will need to ask plenty of questions to determine which are the most realistic and sincere offers and which aren't likely to ever happen.

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September 24 to October 23

THERE's a temptation to pass on some work, tasks or responsibilities to someone else. If you do, you won't be able to complain when they get the credit. If you disagree with the increasing charges of some services, find out your rights.

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**SAGITTARIUS**

November 23 to December 21

THE demands of a possessive friend or partner are making you uncomfortable. If you keep giving in you're in danger of losing your identity. You want to make people happy but can't do this when your own needs and feelings aren't being acknowledged.

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**AQUARIUS**

January 21 to February 19

DISCUSSIONS and activities within a local group will be mind-expanding. You could find yourself mixing with some unconventional people and it will be fun to have this chance to see the world and others in it from a new perspective.

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**SCORPIO**

October 24 to November 22

IT seems unfair to have to stand back and watch a workmate struggle. It might go against a senior colleague's wishes, but you will find a way to help and support others and you will do this in a way that ensures no-one else finds out about it.

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**CAPRICORN**

December 22 to January 20

PREPARE well in advance if you are to entertain visitors from afar. Make use of your creative skills to add decorative touches to your home. Give careful thought to the comfort of your guests to make this an unforgettable visit.

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**PISCES**

February 20 to March 20

GO with a strong desire to remain close to home. Whether it's because you want to avoid a friend or colleague or you just want to get involved in a new domestic project is immaterial. What's important is that you follow your own inclinations.

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YEARNING FOR STIRLING

I have never yearned to own a car just because its previous or past owner was famous. But this might be the exception.

A 1992 Mercedes-Benz SL500 has just entered into an auction which was bought new by Sir Stirling Moss and the estimate is only £10,000-£11,000.

Auctioneer H&H says Sir Stirling specially ordered the car to his own specification. Moss was a lovely man. I interviewed him several times and found him to be absolutely delightful, down to earth and entertaining.

I'd love to be reminded of him by driving one of his old motors.

★ Caterham is celebrating the opening of its brand new factory in Dartford, Kent, a 54,000sq ft facility that will give it extra production capacity.

The company started its life in the Surrey town of Caterham itself, in an establishment so small you could hardly swing a torque wrench. I remember going there in the mid-80s with the plan of buying a kit to build.

What is fun is that it will now be possible to book a factory tour. If that floats your boat, see [caterhamcars.com](http://caterhamcars.com) for details.



Motormouth

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Volkswagen is adding to its ID.7 range by introducing a new variant called the GTX fastback.

Those familiar with VW's current naming strategy will know that GTX means performance which, in the case of the ID.7 GTX means 340PS



WARMED UP ID.7

from a pair of electric motors, each one driving an axle.

This provides an impressive 0-62mph in 5.4 seconds and max range is 371 miles.

No word on price or final spec yet, but VW UK promises that it'll let us know soon.



ONE SHOW

The BMW 1-Series has been a big success for the company and provides a relatively affordable doorway into owning a Bimmer. The fourth generation 1-Series has just been announced and you can order one now for delivery in October.

So far, two versions are being offered: the entry level 120i, which costs £29,950, and the sporty 300PS M135i at £41,000. As is usual with modern cars, the 1-Series has grown and is 42mm longer than it used to be and taller, too.

Stand by for a road test some time in the summer.



STEPWAY DEAL

Dacia has introduced an offer that runs until July 1 allowing customers to buy a Sandero Stepway for the same prices as a regular Sandero.

The Stepway, which is a faux off-roader with a raised ride height

and body protecting plastics, usually outsells the standard Sandero so this is an interesting offer. A deposit of £2,915 gives you monthly payments of £162, which is the same money as the equivalent Sandero hatchback.

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## MUTED APPLAUSE FOR VAUXHALL ASTRA TOURER PHEV

**P**lug-in hybrids have always seemed like a sensible option. An electric range adequate for most daily commutes, school runs and shopping trips yet equipped with a petrol engine for a holiday at the other side of the country.

The caveat is you really need to be able to charge at home because plugging a PHEV into a public charging point is bad form and likely to enrage anyone who was wanting that point to charge their pure EV. Is an extra 25 miles of range worth a black eye?

Many critics of PHEVs say they're a poor compromise because you're carting about the complexity and weight of two powerplants. It's a point, but it seems that many car buyers see the benefits outweigh the negatives because last month sales of PHEVs increased 31.5% over the same month last year.

Private retail sales of pure EVs or BEVs dropped by 2%.

Recently we tested the new Peugeot E-308 SW, sister car to Vauxhall's Astra Electric ST estate. In a rare moment of self control I managed to serve you up a road test of this electric estate car without a full-blown rant on the misery I had on a long journey trying to charge it at public chargers.

Ruined my day. Today we're up north visiting relatives and more suitably equipped. We are in an aforementioned Astra ST estate but

### THE FACTS

**Vauxhall Astra Sports Tourer GSe five-door estate**

**Price:** £44,000 **Engine:** 1.6-litre petrol, electric motor, 223bhp  
**0-62mph:** 7.5sec  
**Fuel consumption:** 217mpg



**“Adequate figures don't turn it into a sports car in sensible clothes**

this one is a PHEV. We burned up its electric range pretty early on, not managing to achieve the official 35 mile range. Only to be expected as 10 minutes after leaving home we were on a motorway and high speed driving drains the battery.

We're testing the GSe model, the badging of which indicates in Vauxhall's new language a car that's sporty but has electrification. Gone is the VXR tag that referred to its high-performance petrol models. Perhaps Vauxhall will one day make an

electric sports car and call it a VXRe.

To give the GSe its sporty identity, engineers have dropped the ride height by 10mm, the Koni shock absorbers have been modified, 18in black alloys fitted, the roof is black as standard and inside there is Alcantara upholstery and a leather steering wheel unique to this car.

What is no different is Vauxhall's (and the Stellantis Group's) PHEV powertrain. Standard Astra Tourer PHEVs get a 180PS but in the GSe the 1.6-litre four-cylinder petrol engine and 110PS electric motor produce a combined 225PS. Plenty good enough to give a top speed of 146mph, 84mph

in electric mode and 0-62mph in 7.5 seconds. More than adequate performance figures but they don't turn it into a sports car in sensible clothes. Yes, you can feel the suspension and lower centre of gravity from the lower ride height but the GSe only feels a bit sharper than its more ordinary brothers in the range.

Think of it as a car with more visual sporty character and you won't be disappointed. You might, however, not feel your £44,000 has not been particularly well spent.

Inside, you get something called Pure Panel. It stretches from the A-pillar to the centre of the dashboard and looks rather smart. There are a good selection of buttons and knobs for heating, ventilation and other oft-used systems, plus a little rest for your thumb that helps when using the touchscreen on a bumpy road. The Alcantara and more sporty seats you get in the GSe add a touch of class.

The Astra estate loses some luggage space because of the 12.kWh battery that lives under the floor, a common compromise in PHEVs, and holds 516 litres with the rear seats in place against the petrol car's 597 litres.

Many feel a PHEV is a good stepping point before committing to a fully electric powertrain and I wouldn't disagree. Whether I'd spend £44k on the GSe is another question. Unless you're taken with the sporty additions, I'd look at the £40,135 GS-trimmed PHEV.

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### WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

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**SUFFERING STABLES:** (Runners since last win) Georgie Howell 114; Mr W G Harrison 98; Alexandra Dunn 83; D Rees 48; M Attwater 47; Mrs H Nemes 46; J Osborne 40; E Williams 38; R J Smith 36; R G Hawker 34.

**HOT JOCKS:** (Most wins last 14 days) Oisín Murphy 20; Rossa Ryan 14; Tom Marquand 10; James Doyle 10; Oisín Orr 9; Callum Rodriguez 9; Harry Skelton 9.

**RIDE OUT OF LUCK:** (Rides since last win) Laura Pearson 61; Tristan Durrell 56; Aidan Keeley 52; William Carson 38; Harry Bannister 38; Lorcan Murtagh 38; Phillip Armon 38; Harry Russell 37.

## WIND UP

**CHESTER:** Infinity Blue (2.15).  
**MARKET RASEN:** Cedar Hill (7.35).  
**Blended Stealth** (8.05).  
**YORK:** Shimmering Sands (4.45).

## BEST EACH-WAY

**ELEMENTARY CHARGE** (2.25 York) is capable of stepping forward from her first two runs in this valuable seller. She has shown enough in both those races to suggest he is capable of nicking a podium place.

## HEAVEY'S NAP

**DOLLYANA** (5.30 Goodwood) was a big eye-catcher on debut at Windsor. Slowly away but travelled into the race kindly before meeting a wall of trouble. Would have gone close with a clear run and can make amends.

## STARFORM TREBLE

**NAP:** MIDREAM (3.00 York)  
**NE:** ENCHANTING (7.50 Goodwood)  
**TREBLE:** KAARESS (5.50 Market Rasen)

## MAGIC COMBINATIONS

**CHESTER:** Andrew Mullen rides 2.50 Far Above Mary, 3.25 It's Not Risky for H Palmer, previous combinations 3 wins from 11 mounts 27% strike rate at course.

**GOODWOOD:** Jim Crowley rides 5.30 Alerta Maxima for M Tregoning, previous combinations 5 wins from 14 mounts 36% strike rate at course.  
**MARKET RASEN:** None.  
**NEWTON ABBOT:** None.  
**SANDOWN:** Oisín Murphy rides 3.15 Bizarre Law, 3.50 Screaming Eagle, 4.25 Lady Flora, 5.00 Night Horn for A Balding, previous combinations 14 wins from 61 mounts 23% strike rate at course.  
**YORK:** Daniel Tudhope rides 3.35 River Seine for K R Burke, previous combinations 6 wins from 21 mounts 29% strike rate at course.

## NEW QUARTERS

**CHESTER:** 1.40 Maxi Boy (M Bell to Fionn McSharry), 2.15 Judge Frank (H Main to Christian Williams), 4.00 Wyvern (S C Williams to P Morris), 5.10 Native King (G Boughey to H Palmer).  
**GOODWOOD:** 6.05 Fram Castle (Ollie Sangster to James Horton), 6.40 Beau French (J Mieluette to G & J Moore).  
**MARKET RASEN:** 5.50 Happy Place (Harry Eustace to D Skelton), 5.50 Kalkaroo (P Webber to Billy Abrahamian), 5.50 Scottie's Sister (G Scott to N Twiston-Davies).  
**NEWTON ABBOT:** 6.10 L'impertinent (O Greenall & J Guerrero to Alexandra Dunn), 7.55 Grove Road (A Watson to James Owen), 7.55 Lucky Lara (Joshua Newman to K Woolacott), 9.00 Born In The West (Jazmin Hosgood to D Pipe), 9.00 Till You Can't (C R Barber to Daisy Hitchings), 9.00 Tres Bien (Thomas Dixon to T Pipe).  
**SANDOWN:** 3.15 Mapogo (G Boughey to M Pattinson).  
**YORK:** 4.10 Masekela (A Balding to T Easterby).

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Mermaids Cave (6.45 NEW) 248miles  
Grove Road (7.55 NEW) 248miles  
Mr Cool (1.30 SAN) 245miles  
Arch Legend (5.00 SAN) 245miles  
Judge Frank (2.15 CHS) 226miles  
Hutchence (3.25 CHS) 226miles  
Shemozzle (5.10 CHS) 226miles  
Yaser (1.50 YOR) 219miles

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## NEWTON ABBOT sky sports racing

### GOING: GOOD-GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES

**PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACES**

**TRACKFACTS** Left-handed flat, tight track of 1m, seven fences per circuit and a run-in of 300 yards.

**TOP TRAINERS** (with runners) P Nicholls 46 winners, (29.1% strike rate), -£10.00, F O'Brien 32, (28.6%), +£1.60, D Pipe 20, (13.5%), +£0.13, J Tizzard 18, (19.4%), -£3.00, E Williams 15, (15.8%), -£1.00, P Hobbs & J White 13, (13.7%), -£1.70.

**TOP JOCKEYS** (with mounts) Harry Cobden 44 winners, (26.2% strike rate), -£11.09, Sean Bowen 19, (25.0%), -£3.70, Brendan Powell 18, (16.8%), -£6.00, Harry Kimber 15, (17.4%), -£11.00.

### 5.35 FIFEHEAD FARMS MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE

Class 4 (8 flights) 2m 1f (14 runners) £4,805

1 32-1 **HARD AS NAILS** (23)(G,S) F O'Brien 6 11 7..... J Hogan (3) 105  
2 2L-1 **PARKIN FINE** (23)(S) D Skelton 7 11 13..... Mr Sean O'Connor (7) 113  
3 /P-1 **SEEUQUINMYDREAMS** (38)(G,H,T) P Nicholls 6 11 7..... H Cobden \*122  
4 3-03 **AUNNET MAGGIE** (27) A Ralph 5 11 0..... D Bass 99  
5 **AZAMIAN** (228) G Hawker 6 11 0..... H Reed -  
6 00-5 **BELLE MONTROSE** (26)(T) S Drinkwater 5 11 0..... R T Dunne -  
7 **L GENTOO** (49) J Snowden 7 11 0..... W Featherstone (10) 38  
8 -P55 **HALLOWED ROSE** (16) W Kittow 7 11 0..... D Noonan 92  
9 6-03 **HURST HILL** (16) Seamus Mullins 5 11 0..... D Sansom (3) 103  
10 **BRIEF CREW** R Walford 8 11 0..... H Kimber -  
11 0L- **BRIEF ENCOUNTER** (165)(H) N Hawke 4 10 9..... L Murtagh -  
12 2 **DAME SARRA** (39) Noel Williams 4 10 9..... James Davies 101  
13 0 **DAWN PARADE** (36) D Skelton 4 10 9..... T Durrell (3) 93  
14 5- **PURE GOLD** (167)(H) Alexandra Dunn 4 10 9..... P Armon (3) 83

Star Betting: 13-8 Seeyouinmydreams, 5-2 Parkin Fine, 7-2 Hard As Nails, 14 Auntie Maggie, 16 Dame Sarra, Hurst Hill, 25 Hallowed Rose, Belle Montrose, Dawn Parade, 33 others.

2023: Myristica 5 11 7, Jack Tudor 2 11 4 (D Pipe), 5 ran.

**STARFORM:** SEEUQUINMYDREAMS **DANGER:** Hard As Nails

### 6.10 ATTRAENCES ON TWITTER HANDICAP CHASE

Class 3 (13 fences) 2m (8 runners) £9,849

1 32-6 **SACRE COEUR** (27)(D,G,S) D Skelton 8 12 0..... T Durrell (3) 136  
2 F-03 **WAR LORD** (9)(CD,D2,S,T) J Tizzard 9 11 13..... B J Powell 127  
3 LP-1 **MATTERHORN** (33)(D,G,S,T) P Nicholls 6 11 13..... H Cobden \*137  
4 1L-5 **ISSUING AUTHORITY** (18)(D,S) N Henderson 7 11 9..... J Bowen 130  
5 LU-4 **L'IMPETRIENT** (307)(G) Alexandra Dunn 8 11 7..... P Armon (3) 81  
6 23F- **NO GETAWAY** (16)(C,G,S,P,T) R L Llewellyn 10 11 1 O'Charlie Price (3) 130  
7 4U-1 **ONLY MONEY** (23)(D3,G,S) C Gordon 10 11 11..... R Dingle 87  
8 5F-2 **KAUTO THE KING** (21)(CD2,C2,G,S,T) J Tizzard 10 10 9F Gingell (3) 132  
Star Betting: 6-4 Matterhorn, 5 War Lord, 11-2 Issuing Authority, 6 Sacre Cœur, 8 No Getaway, 10 Kauto The King, 16 Others.

**STARFORM:** KAUTO THE KING **DANGER:** Sacre Cœur

## MARKET RASEN Racing TV

### GOING: GOOD-GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES

### 5.15 CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE

Class 4 (10 flights) 2m 5f (12 runners) £5,281

1 LL-2 **CHARLES ST** (21)(CD,S,P) F O'Brien 5 12 2..... Daire Davis (6) 112  
2 1L-6 **COULD BE TROUBLE** (28)(G,S,B,T) D McCain 9 11 13 A McCain (3) 112  
3 LP-5 **NOT WHAT IT SEEMS** (24)(G,S) M Hammond 8 11 13 E Smith-Chaston (3) \*118  
4 P6-4 **PRESENTING PETE** (195)(G) J Mackie 7 11 12..... P J Kavanagh 112  
5 F-L4 **LONE STAR** (19)(G,S,T) P Kirby 7 11 12..... J Williamson 114  
6 PP-4 **MANOON STAR** (32)(G) F O'Brien 6 11 11..... Fern O'Brien (3) 113  
7 42- **FINN LOUGH** (54)(BF,T) O Greenall & J Guerrero 5 11 9..... T Wynne (5) 109  
8 6-31 **McGOWAN'S PASS** (19)(S,P) J Candlish 13 11 8..... W Shanahan 109  
9 /1-6 **QUANTONNETTE** (30)(S) E Lavelle 7 11 8..... J A Anderson 109  
10 U-03 **SKIP MAHLER** (19)(H) M Walford 7 11 5..... William Maggs 112  
11 4-03 **SPOT ON SOPH** (20)(C,G,S) T England 8 11 4..... T Midgley (3) 110  
12 4-13 **JAXXONE** (23)(D,G) Jonjo & A O'Neill 5 10 12..... B Macey (10) 110

Star Betting: 4 Finn Lough, 11-2 McGowan's Pass, Charles St, 13-2 Jaxxone, 15-2 Presenting Pete, 8 Spot On Soph, 12 others.

2023: No corresponding meeting.

**STARFORM:** McGOWAN'S PASS **DANGER:** Charles St

**5.50 LINC'S LOOS JUVENILE HURDLE (GGB RACE)**

Class 4 (8 flights) 3YO 2m 1f (12 runners) £4,084

1 3 **BAJAN NEW MOON** (13) R Potter 11 0..... Sean Quinlan 99  
2 **KALKAROO** (289) Billy Abrahamian 11 0..... G Sheehan 94  
3 1 **ON THE BUBBLE** (13)(S)(H) B Haslam 11 0..... R McLernon 94  
4 **PLAY PRETEND** Dave Roberts 11 0..... L Edwards -  
5 **SMOOTH TRANSITION** (F7) A Keatley 11 0..... C O'Farrell -  
6 **TACTICAL CONTROL** (F34) B Brookhouse 11 0..... J Quinlan -  
7 **TRAFALGAR SQUARE** (F48)(T) O Greenall & J Guerrero 11 0..... H Skelton -  
8 **HAPPY PLACE** (F247) D Skelton 10 7..... H Hughes \*101  
9 2 **KAARESS** (13)(BF) O Pears 10 7..... Craig Nichol -  
10 **NOBODYS GIRL** (13) B Ellison 10 7..... T Cannon -  
11 **OPEC** (F46) James Owen 10 7..... B Hughes -  
12 **SCOTTIE'S SISTER** (F232) N Twiston-Davies 10 7..... S Twiston-Davies -

Star Betting: 7-2 Kaaress, 4 On The Bubble, 6 Trafalgar Square, 7 Happy Place, 8 Opec, Bajan New Moon, 10 others.

**STARFORM:** KAARESS **DANGER:** Smooth Transition

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

**MUSSELBURGH**

6.10: 1. **FIRST ALLIANCE** (D Tudhope 9-4); 2. **National Interest** (10-11 fav); 3. **Dain Ma Nut** In (15-2); 1/4, hd, 10 ran. K R Burke. Tote: £3.25; pl £1.20, £1.10, £1.80. Exakta: £5.00. Trifecta: £16.80. CSF: £4.39.

6.40: 1. **RED FORCE ONE** (C Beasley 3-1); 2. **Tafair** (6-5 fav); 3. **Desert Quest** (4-1); 4/4, 3/4, 4 ran. P Kirby. Tote: £4.00; Exakta: £6.80. Trifecta: £11.30. CSF: £6.97.

7.10: 1. **UNSPOKEN LOVE** (D Tudhope 2-11 fav); 2. **J Street** (10-1); 3. **Harswell Dandy** (10-1); nk, 4/5 ran. K R Burke. Tote: £1.19; pl £1.02, £2.90. Exakta: £2.80. Trifecta: £6.40. CSF: £2.94.

7.40: 1. **ROSENZOO** (A Mullen 13-2); 2. **Elemental Eye** (7-1); 3. **Count Palatine** (7-1); 4-7 fav He's Got Game. 1/4, nk, 5 ran. C Johnston. Tote: £7.50; pl £2.30, £2.50. Exakta: £41.60. Trifecta: £111.30. CSF: £44.39.

8.15: 1. **PATONTHEBACK** (R Scott 13-8 fav); 2. **Moondial** (33-1); 3. **Scarriff** (5-2); 2/4, 1/4, 9 ran. G Tutty. Tote: £2.63; pl £1.20, £7.70, £1.30. Exakta: £64.50. Tricast: £138.21. Trifecta: £228.90. CSF: £66.45.

8.45: 1. **PROTEST RALLY** (B Garrity 11-1); 2. **Havagomecca** (9-4 jfav); 3. **Golden Rainbow** (9-4 jfav). 1/4, 1/2, 8 ran. L Bailey. Tote: £12.60; pl £3.00, £1.30, £1.10. Exakta: £44.90. Tricast: £77.78. Trifecta: £140.20. CSF: £35.82.

**QUADPOT: £11.60**  
**PLACEPOT: £59.80**

**NEWBURY**

1.45: 1. **BLUE YONDER** (Miss B Hampson 14-1); 2. **Expert Witness** (10-3 fav); 3. **Gert Lush** (11-1); 7/4, 1/4, 13 ran. A Watson. Tote: £16.60; pl £5.20, £1.40, £3.70. Exakta: £72.80. Tricast: £552.44. Trifecta: £302.00. CSF: £59.56. NR: Sea Of Charm, Storming.

2.20: 1. **ANNO DOMINI** (W Buick 11-8 fav); 2. **Wild Clara** (8-1); 3. **Invited** (18-1); 7/4, nk, 11 ran. C Appleby. Tote: £2.38; pl £1.20, £2.30, £4.40. Exakta: £14.80. Trifecta: £155.50. CSF: £13.25.

2.50: 1. **CHARMING WHISPER** (Rossa Ryan 7-2); 2. **Sugarloaf Lenny** (15-2); 3. **Havanarama** (9-1); 11-4 fav Asimov. nk, 10 ran. P McBride. Tote: £4.50; pl £1.60, £2.90, £2.90. Exakta: £32.50. Tricast: £221.40. Trifecta: £221.70. CSF: £30.65. NR: Show Biz Kid.

3.25: 1. **GREAT ACCLAIM** (C Bishop 7-1); 2. **Tayala** (7-1); 3. **Double Red** (33-1); 1/4, nk, 10 ran. E J Houghton. Tote: £6.10; pl £2.10, £1.50, £4.50. Exakta: £23.20. Tricast: £501.67. Trifecta: £79.40. CSF: £24.51. NR: Global Asset. Global Asset Rule 4 applies to All Bets, deduct 30p in the pound.

4.00: 1. **CLOVE HITCH** (O Murphy 4-6 fav); 2. **Izpipi** (6-1); 3. **Fior Di Bosco** (8-1); 8l, 8l, 11 ran. A Balding. Tote: £1.67; pl £1.10, £1.70, £2.10. Exakta: £5.30. Trifecta: £21.90. CSF: £5.41. NR: Bernalda.

4.30: 1. **STERLING KNIGHT** (Rossa Ryan 18-1); 2. **Metaverse** (15-2); 3. **Zouzanna** (6-1); 3-1 fav Hickory. hd, 1/4, 11 ran. E Dunlop. Tote: £20.60; pl £5.20, £6.00, £2.00. Exakta: £158.60. Tricast: £938.82. Trifecta: £1358.80. CSF: £150.19.

5.05: 1. **SIXTIES CHIC** (C Bishop 13-2); 2. **Starproof** (13-2); 3. **Whenthehellstone** (9-1); 4-1 fav Treacherous. 7/4, 1/4, 12 ran. J Channon. Tote: £7.50; pl £1.90, £2.40, £2.70. Exakta: £48.50. Tricast: £388.33. Trifecta: £178.50. CSF: £48.04.

5.40: 1. **WONDER KID** (O Murphy 11-2); 2. **Aulis** (9-2); 3. **Al Khawanej River** (12-1); 3-1 fav Rakki. 4/4, 1/4, 10 ran. H Palmer. Tote: £6.50; pl £1.90, £1.60, £2.60. Exakta: £33.80. Tricast: £285.46. Trifecta: £133.90. CSF: £29.53.

**JACKPOT:** Not won, pool of £6,754.35 carried over.

**QUADPOT: £72.10**  
**PLACEPOT: £467.70**

### 6.45 EBBS LEISURE GIDDY UP MARES' HCAP HDLE

Class 4 (9 flights) 2m 2f 110yds (9 runners) £6,680

1 35-5 **MAGICAL MAGGIE** (28)(G,S) A Ralph 7 12 0..... Tabitha Worsley (3) 120  
2 21-1 **CARRIEGAN KAMPALA** (20)(C2,G,S) F O'Brien 6 11 13..... J Hogan (3) 121  
3 6F-1 **GRIVETANA** (31)(G,S) Harry Derham 6 11 12..... Paul O'Brien 118  
4 12/1 **NAEVA** (50)(S) Alexandra Dunn 5 11 5..... P Armon (3) 123  
5 4-8 **PILLAR OF STEEL** (27)(G,P) Henry Oliver 9 11 4..... D Noonan 119  
6 45-2 **POP THE CHAMPAGNE** (15)(C,G,S)(H,T) D Kilahena & G McPherson 8 11 3..... B J Powell 119

7 -111 **MERMAIDS CAVE** (20)(D2,G,S) J Owen 5 11 2..... C P O'Shea (7) 117  
8 2-15 **TOUR OVALIE** (20)(G) E Williams 5 10 11..... Isabel Williams (3) 118  
9 LP-5 **KARANNELLE** (9)(C,G,H,T) D Rees 9 10 2..... S Bowen \*124

Star Betting: 5-2 Grivetana, 3 Mermaids Cave, 5 Magical Maggie, 6 Pop The Champagne, 10 Tour Ovalie, 14 Others.

2023: Ayr Of Elegance 11 10 4, K Woods 10-1 (D J Jeffreys), 4 ran.

**STARFORM:** GRIVETANA **DANGER:** Mermaids Cave

### 7.20 NEWTON ABBOT NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE

Class 4 (20 fences) 3m 2f (5 runners) £7,341

1 0-33 **WONDERWALL** (18)(S) P & M Bowen 8 12 1..... S Bowen 124  
2 12-1 **BROOMFIELDS CAVE** (23)(G,S,P) N Mulholland 7 11 11..... J Bowen 118  
3 6L-8 **MR YEATS** (18)(G,S,P) H Dickinson 7 11 7..... B Harris (3) 100  
4 34-2 **EXMOOR FIELDS** (15)(G) N Hawke 7 10 2..... D Noonan \*127  
5 45-2 **LANGLEY HUNDRED** (9)(G,S,P,T) P Hobbs & J White 7 10 8..... M G Nolan 126

Star Betting: 2 Langley Hundred, 11-4 Broomfields Cave, 10-3 Wonderwall, 9-2 Exmoor Forest, 10 Mr Yeats.

**STARFORM:** WONDERWALL **DANGER:** Broomfields Cave

### 7.55 ST AUSTELL BREWERY HANDICAP HURDLE

Class 5 (12 flights) 3m 2f 105yds (13 runners) £5,800

1 LP-L **GROVE ROAD** (27)(S,P) James Owen 8 12 0..... Mr A Chadwick (5) \*119  
2 OL-P **SAMMY LOU** (10)(CD3,D,G,S,T) D Kilahena & G McPherson 11 11 13..... J Powell 100  
3 /P-1 **ESPINATOR** (39)(CD,C,G,S,P) A Wintle 10 11 9..... Sean Houllihan 56  
4 1-22 **LUCKY LARA** (23)(BF,S) K Woolacott 9 11 8..... B Godfrey 92  
5 6-21 **DEAR RALPHY** (20)(D,G,S,B,T) A Honeyball 8 12 1(Tex)..... B Bromley (5) 92  
6 43-4 **STILETTO** (15)(P,T) K Burke 6 11 7..... H Cobden 99  
7 4-3 **COUP DE GOLD** (15)(S) E Williams 8 11 1..... Miss E Williams (7) 99  
8 65-0 **CEEJAYBE** (36)(P,T) Miss J Davis 4 10 9..... N Schofield 102  
9 5-40 **RUBYS REWARD** (15)(D,G,T) D Hamer 8 10 7..... B R Jones 93  
10 6-32 **TIS BUT A SCRATCH** (27)(P) G Howell 8 10 7 Tabitha Worsley (3) 95  
11 0-56 **BABY SHAM** (12)(D,G) Seamus Mullins 6 10 4..... J Best 83  
12 /P-0 **HAMMER DAM** (133)(T) D Pipe 6 10 3..... J Tudor 74  
13 LO-0 **SIDE STEPPER** (13) Christian Williams 5 10 2..... J Turner (7) 73

LONG HANDICAP: Side Stepper 9-13.

Star Betting: 7-2 Dear Ralph, 4 Stiletto, 9-2 Tis But A Scratch,

6 Coup De Gold, 10 Lucky Lara, 12 Baby Sham, 14 Others.

**STARFORM:** LUCKY LARA **DANGER:** Baby Sham

## JASON HEAVEY STAR TIP

**Lone Star** 5.15 **Charles St**  
**Kaaress** 5.50 **Opec**  
**Foxinthebox** 6.25 **Leading Force**  
**Ittack Blue** 7.00 **Parvos**  
**Imperial Bede** 7.35 **Cedar Hill**  
**Clatterbridge** 8.05 **Coilrock**

### 6.25 BLOCK FREE SERVICES HANDICAP CHASE

Class 4 (14 fences) 2m 5f (7 runners) £5,677

1 1P-4 **TUPELO MISSISSIPPI** (35)(S,P) B Ellison 9 12 0..... Craig Nichol 116  
2 26-1 **LEADING FORCE** (35)(D,G,S) M A Thomson 7 12 0..... R Mania 115  
3 52-3 **HALL LANE** (32)(S) A King 6 12 0..... T Bellamy 111  
4 5-11 **FAZAYTE** (13)(C,G,S,P) R Potter 9 11 10..... D Johnston (5) \*117  
5 36P- **MIKHAILOVICH** (51)(G,T) K Bailey 7 11 8..... G Sheehan -  
6 31/0 **FOXINTEBOX** (39)(G) O Murphy 8 11 4..... B Brogan -  
7 10/1 **WHO'S THE GUVNOR** (652)(C2,D,G,T) M Hammond 10 11 2..... B Hughes -

Star Betting: 11-8 Leading Force, 9-2 Hall Lane, 6 Fazayte, 7 Who's The Guv'nor, 8 Foxinthebox, 10 Tupelo Mississippi, 12 Mikhailovich.

**STARFORM:** FAZAYTE **DANGER:** Leading Force

### 7.00 LINC'S LOOS HANDICAP HURDLE

Class 4 (8 flights) 2m 1f (7 runners) £5,281

1 06-0 **CASTEL GANDOLFO** (34)(G,S,P,T) F O'Brien 7 11 11..... J Burke \*127  
2 51-8 **OSLO** (27)(CD,G,P) F O'Brien 7 11 9..... L Harrison 122  
3 L5-4 **CHAOS CONTROL** (22)(CD,G,P) S Edmunds 5 11 6..... C Hammond 125  
4 5-11 **ITTACK BLUE** (22)(CD2,G) D Skelton 6 11 5..... H Skelton 115  
5 65P- **LOGAN ROCKS** (22)(S) Oilly Williams 9 11 3..... J Quinlan -  
6 42-0 **QUARESCOME** (50)(D,G,S) D McCain 6 11 2..... B Hughes 126  
7 10-4 **PARVOS** (20)(D,G,S) M A Thomson 7 11 2..... R Mania 124

Star Betting: 6-5 Ittack Blue, 11-2 Chaos Control, 6 Oslo, 7 Castel Gandolfo, 9 Logan Rocks, 12 Quarescome, 3 Logan Rocks.

**STARFORM:** ITTACK



# CHESTER

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JASON HEAVEY	STAR TIP
Red Mirage 1.40	Red Mirage
Quiet Resolve 2.15	Last Applause
Dukes Of Haather 2.50	Whiskey Glasses
Hutchence (treble) 3.25	Rebaatt
Khathak 4.00	Indie Skies
Lockdown Lass 4.35	Touchwood
Bulmer Bank 5.10	Treasure Time

1.40 FRIDAY SOCIAL AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HCAP
Class 4 7f (10 runners) £7,246

1 (4) -106 RED MIRAGE (10)(D,A,G,S) J & S Quinn 6 11 2Mr P W Mullins 69	69
2 (8) 600- MAXI BOY (21)(H) Finn McSharry 7 11 2..... Mr R Birkett 69	69
3 (9) 1050 ERNIE'S VALENTINE (6)(A,G,T) D Loughnane 5 11 2DOUBTFUL 67	67
4 (9) 3005 ON A SESSION (13)(D2,G,S) D & N Barron 8 11 1 Miss A Keighley 69	69
5 (2) 2L40 SOAR ABOVE (23)(D,A,G,S) P J Butler 9 11 1Miss C Butler (5) *72	72
6 (7) -435 SPIORADALTA (34)(D,A,G,S) P J Butler 9 11 1Mr P Barlow (3) 68	68
7 (5) L000 BASS PLAYER (28)(D,G,S) T K Frost 5 10 13..... DOUBTFUL 69	69
8 (1) -135 OUTRUN THE STORM (26)(D,A,G,S) R Fahey 6 10 9Mr E Cagney 68	68
9 (10) L31L EL HIBRI (13)(A) J Williams 5 10 2..... Miss M Bevan (5) 70	70
10 (12) L-66 KING OF THE DANCE (40)(A) B J Llewellyn 5 9 11 Llewellyn (5) 71	71

Star Betting: 9-2 On A Session, 9-2 On A Session, Outrun The Storm, 5 Spioradalta, 8 Maxi Boy, 12 El Hibri, 14 Soar Above, 20 Others.  
2023: Paws For Thought 5 11 1, Miss L Turner 5-2 Fav (D McCall), drn (3), 10 ran.  
STARFORM: RED MIRAGE DANGER: Outrun The Storm

2.15 CAMDEN STOUT HANDICAP
Class 5 3YO 6f (12 runners) £7,644

1 (6) -100 BIOGRAPHER (7)(D,A,G,T) M & D Easterby 9 9..... S Gray 82	82
2 (2) 4015 ANGEL'S CALL (35)(A) Mrs N Evans 9 9..... J Bryan 77	77
3 (9) -405 CALL GLOVE (27)(A,G,S) P J Appleby 9 9..... S De Sousa 81	81
4 (3) -1350 QUIET RESOLVE (10)(B,F,A,P) R Fahey 9 9..... D Nolan *85	85
5 (10) 2220 OLD CHUMS (22)(A,P) J Dacombe 9 7..... P L Jamin 83	83
6 (5) 60L3 ONIGIRI (17)(D,G) M Boff 9 7..... Josephine Gordon 82	82
7 (4) 22-5 COOL RUN (42)(B) J Camacho 9 5..... F Norton 80	80
8 (10) 36-0 INFINITY BLUE (33) J Camacho 9 5..... Ryan Sexton 78	78
9 (12) -456 MASTER FRANCA (20)(A)(B*) H Palmer 9 4..... P Mullen 78	78
10 (1) 6365 MACANUDO (18)(A) J Williams 9 3..... C Fallon 76	76
11 (8) 6-66 JUDGE FRANK (62) Christian Williams 9 1..... R Hornby 72	72
12 (7) -062 LAST APPLAUSE (21)(B) P Ellison 9 0..... B Robinson 77	77

Star Betting: 9-2 Quiet Resolve, 6 Old Chums, 7 Angel's Call, Macanudo, 8 Onigiri, Master Franca, Last Applause, 10 Others.

STARFORM: COOL RUN DANGER: Call Glory

# SANDOWN

Racing TV

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM-GOOD IN PLACES

1.30 BRITISH EBF NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE)
Class 4 2YO 5f (12 runners) £5,400

1 (3) 0 ART MARKET (12) W Haggas 9 7..... T Marquand 61	61
2 (8) BACKSPIN R Hughes 9 7..... W Buick 61	61
3 (7) 66 CANDY (10) R Spencer 9 7..... D Keenan 61	61
4 (9) L CHASING GOLD (34) R Cowell 9 7..... D Muscatt 18	18
5 (10) 0 HUCKLESBROOK (21) R Teal 9 7..... S Osborne 73	73
6 (11) L MR COOL (16) C Johnston 9 7..... K Stott 59	59
7 (6) RAGE OF THUNDER (8) J Moore 9 7..... C Shepherd 59	59
8 (1) 33 RAJETIERAT (31) Tom Clover 9 7..... O Murphy *80	80
9 (5) 5 REDORANGE (21) C Cox 9 7..... R Kingscote 68	68
10 (2) 54 SIEGEN (21) R Hannan 9 7..... P Dobbs 77	77
11 (4) TOP STAR R Hughes 9 7..... Rossa Ryan 77	77
12 (12) SKELLIG ISLE T Ward 9 2..... S M Levey 77	77

Star Betting: 5-2 Rajetierat, 7-2 Siegen, 13-2 Backspin, 8 Top Star, 10 Hucklebrook, Art Market, Redorange, 14 Mr Cool, 16 Others.

2023: Nazalan 9 7, Robert Havlin 4-1 (S Woods), drawn (2), 7 ran.

STARFORM: RAJETIERAT DANGER: Mr Cool

2.05 MOLSON COORS BEVERAGE COMPANY HCAP
Class 4 5f (16 runners) £6,019

1 (3) 00-6 ACKLAM EXPRESS (17)(D,G,S) C Cox 6 9 10..... K Stott 83	83
2 (6) 3220 DUBAI STATION (25)(D,A,G,S) P J Cowell 7 9 9..... D Muscatt 90	90
3 (4) 0-60 HIERARCHY (16)(A,G,S) P J Osborne 5 9 9..... S Osborne *93	93
4 (14) 214 MOULIN BOOJ (40)(D,A,G,S) G Scott 4 9 9..... C Shepherd 87	87
5 (8) 005L LIL FOLF (25)(D,A,G,S) D & C Kubler 5 9 7..... O Murphy 88	88
6 (1) L0V5 ATALANTA'S BOY (16)(A,G,S) A Irvine 9 9 7..... A Keeley (3) 85	85
7 (9) -302 BRAVE NATION (13)(D,G,H) M Bell 4 9 7..... K Shoemark 92	92
8 (12) 2435 JENEVER (20)(D2,G,A,G,S) Jessica Macey 5 9 6..... L Edmunds 90	90
9 (2) 6063 FANTASY MASTER (9)(B,F,D,G,S) P Darryll Holland 6 9 3..... T Marquand 89	89
10 (5) 1360 MAHARAJAS EXPRESS (14)(D2,A,S)(B) J Jones 4 9 0..... R Ryan 91	91
11 (11) 1052 BANG ON THE BELL (29)(D,A,G,S) B J Jenkins 5 9 0..... P Dobbs 89	89
12 (7) 62-2 MARY OF MODENA (46)(D4,G,S) M Attwater 5 8 13..... P Bradley 89	89
13 (10) 1105 BURABACK (8)(D2,A,S) P J Shaw 5 8 11..... David Egan 89	89
14 (15) 00-0 CONCIERGE (31)(D,A,G,S) M Attwater 8 8 9..... L Morris 91	91
15 (16) 0332 PHOENIX STAR (12)(D2,D6,A,G,S) P J Macey 8 8 56 Roke 90	90
16 (13) 1365 SECRET HANDSHEIKH (17)(D4,A,G,S) J Gallagher 6 8 4 R Ffrench 90	90

LONG HANDICAP: Secret Handshake 8-3.

Star Betting: 9-2 Brave Nation, 13-2 Fantasy Master, 7 Jenever, 8 Acklam Express, 10 Phoenix Star, Mary Of Modena, Bang On The Bell, 12 Hierarchy, Maharajas Express, 14 Others.

2023: Lil Guff 4 9 13, William Buick 3-1 Fav (D & C Kubler), drawn (2), 9 ran.

STARFORM: MOULIN BOOJ DANGER: Mary Of Modena

# GOODWOOD

Racing TV

5.30 EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES
Class 4 2YO 6f (14 runners) £7,851

1 (2) 55 ALONDRA (13) C Hills 9 2..... W Cox 82	82
2 (8) DEAR CAT W Greatrex 9 2..... E Greatrex 79	79
3 (6) 36 MAPLEDURHAM (10) B Millman 9 2..... R Coakley 79	79
4 (9) MOLLIE FOSTER E Walker 9 2..... C Hutchinson (3) 75	75
5 (14) MONTRACHET GIRL E J Houghton 9 2..... C Bishop 70	70
6 (9) 0 WOOSTAR (27) Darryll Holland 9 2..... Jason Watson 70	70
7 (11) SEA EMILY RUN Tom Clover 9 2..... J Mitchell 75	75
8 (1) SILVER GHOST E Lavelle 9 2..... O Lewis (7) 75	75
9 (10) TELFORD H Morrison 9 2..... G Downing 75	75
10 (3) 6 ALERTA MAXIMA (20) M Trengrove 9 0..... J Crowley 81	81
11 (5) 2 LIGHTNING FORCE (23) Ollie Sangster 9 0..... T Heard (3) *83	83
12 (7) PERFECT PAROLE T Ward 9 0..... H Doyle 75	75
13 (2) 0 DOLLYANA (25) W Muir & C Grassick 8 12..... A Farragher 78	78
14 (13) WEST KIRBY J Portman 8 12..... R Clutterbuck 78	78

Star Betting: 11-4 Lightning Force, 5 Dollyana, 11-2 Alerta Maxima, 7 Alondra, 10 Mollie Foster, Montrachet Girl, 12 Mapledurham, Sea Emily Run, Tom Clover 9 2.

2023: What A Question 9 2, James Doyle 10-3 Fav (C Johnston), drawn (5), 10 ran.

STARFORM: LIGHTNING FORCE DANGER: Alerta Maxima

6.05 WILLIAM HILL EXTRA PLACES HCAP
Class 5 3YO 1m 2f (13 runners) £5,574

1 (12) 0L BLUE COLLAR (27)(B*) R Hannan 9 10..... Alec Volkhausen (3) 74	74
2 (2) L600 COMMANDER CROUCH (13)(A,P) J Boyle 9 9..... L Cotton (5) 77	77
3 (11) 0-04 DAYERM BAY (42) E J Houghton 9 8..... C Bishop 73	73
4 (8) 3L-W WAR DIRECTOR (29) D Menniser 9 7..... K Strydom 74	74
5 (10) 00-0 TORONTO RAPTOR (72)(P) M Bell 9 7..... Jason Watson 73	73
6 (3) 0-36 UNREAL CONNECTION (34)(B) A Perrett 9 7..... J Crowley *79	79
7 (1) -316 PAGAGE (28)(D,G) J Ferguson 9 6..... H Doyle 75	75
8 (4) -44-0 SECRET BEACH (45)(T) B Brookhouse 9 6..... S D Bowen (5) 71	71
9 (5) 0-61 GELICEAU (20)(D,G) E Walker 9 6..... G Downing 76	76
10 (12) 4-02 BRECKENRIDGE (36) K P De Foy 9 6..... R Clutterbuck 73	73
11 (8) 05-6 FRAM CASTLE (16) J Hannan 9 5..... J F Egan 69	69
12 (9) 0-2 MYNA (28) M Trengrove 9 4..... D Costello 75	75
13 (7) 6-20 OUR PAPA SMURF (30)(B) G & J Moore 8 6..... J Haynes 78	78

Star Betting: 4 Myna, 9-2 Geliceau, 6 Pagage, 8 Dayerm Bay, 10 Toronto Raptor, Our Papa Smurf, Breckenridge, 12 Others.

2023: Lucky Fortune 9 13, H Crouch 4-7 Fav (R Beckett), drn (2), 6 ran.

STARFORM: PAGAGE DANGER: Geliceau

GOING: GOOD-GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES

2.50 CHESTER SELLING STAKES
Class 4 2YO 7f (12 runners) £12,740

1 (11) 043 ALMANJOOR (15) R Fahey 9 4..... Ryan Sexton 71	71
2 (8) 00 BANK ON KENT (30) P Evans 9 4..... F Marsh 64	64
3 (3) 033 DUKES OF HAATHER (28) A Keatley 9 4..... P Mullen 79	79
4 (5) L CAMDEN FLYER (11) A Balding 8 13..... D Probert 52	52
5 (1) L ELLADORA BLACK (13) C Johnston 8 13..... F Norton 33	33
6 (10) EYE PUZZLE Darryll Holland 8 13..... R Dawson 76	76
7 (6) 3L36 FAR ABOVE MARY (13) H Palmer 8 13..... A Mullen 76	76
8 (9) MAGIC TOPISSIMA G Tuer 8 13..... S De Sousa 76	76
9 (7) 0 MANILA THRILLER (20) J Channon 8 13..... C Beasley 56	56
10 (2) 4 OASIS SUNRISE (8) K P De Foy 8 13..... B Sayette 69	69
11 (12) SHIELAS WELL G Tuer 8 13..... P-L Jamin 76	76
12 (4) 60 WHISKEY GLASSES (14) Ollie Sangster 8 13..... N Currie 72	72

Star Betting: 11-4 Dukes Of Haather, 9-2 Oasis Sunrise, 5 Almanjoor, 7 Far Above Mary, 8 Whiskey Glasses, 10 Magic Topissima, 14 Camden Flyer, Manila Thriller, 20 Others.

2023: Preance 8 13, Shane Gray 9-2 (K Coleman(Irel)), drn (2), 7 ran.

STARFORM: DUKES OF HAATHER DANGER: Manila Thriller

3.25 PURE HOMES HANDICAP
Class 4 3YO 1m 2f (11 runners) £7,644

1 (3) 4116 TASMANIAN LEGEND (74)(A) Alice Haynes 9 9..... K O'Neill 82	82
2 (12) -201 TATATED (22)(D,G) J Ferguson 9 9..... DOUBTFUL 82	82
3 (4) 5-62 REBAATT (27) W Haggas 9 7..... C Fallon 87	87
4 (1) 0-50 ON POINT (30)(S) J Camacho 9 7..... Ryan Sexton 77	77
5 (6) 1-00 DOUBLE JUMP (35)(S) C Cox 9 5..... P Mullen 86	86
6 (2) 04-5 HUTCHENCE (39) R Beckett 9 7..... R Hornby 81	81
7 (10) -130 CAELAN (27)(A,P) M Botti 9 5..... Josephine Gordon 84	84
8 (5) 4213 YIPPEE (17)(D,G) C Johnston 9 2..... F Norton 88	88
9 (11) 3-16 VOLTO DI MEDUSA (34)(G) R Guest 9 2..... S De Sousa 82	82
10 (9) 6-45 CLOUDY SKYE (12) R Fahey 9 2..... J Garity 86	86
11 (8) 3312 AMANCIO (21)(B,F) J Channon 5 13..... D Probert *90	90
12 (7) 1355 IT'S NOT RISKY (14)(A)(B) H Palmer 8 8..... A Mullen 87	87

Star Betting: 3-2 Rebaatt, 5 Amancio, 7 Hutchence, 10 Yippee, Cloudy Skye, 12 Volto Di Medusa, 16 Others.

2023: Balance Play 9 7, Hector Crouch 7-4 Fav (R Beckett), drawn (1), 7 ran.

STARFORM: REBAATT DANGER: Amancio

4.00 CLOSE BROTHERS HANDICAP (DIV 1)
Class 5 1m (10 runners) £7,644

1 (6) 5012 VELLNER (16)(D,G) B J Llewellyn 5 9 11..... D Probert 78	78
2 (5) -005 WYVERN (50)(A) P Morris 5 9 10..... P Mullen 76	76

Star Betting: 5-2 Vellner, 16 D G B J Llewellyn 5 9 11.

2023: Pearly Star 4 4, A Mullen 14-1 (H Palmer), drn (4), 10 ran.

STARFORM: JUANITORENA DANGER: Coloreda Dancer

# JASON HEAVEY

STAR TIP

Rajetierat 1.30	Art Market
Brave Nation 2.05	Acklam Express
Moon Sniper 2.40	Consolidation
Gallant Lion (nb) 3.15	Majestic
Screaming Eagle 3.50	Screaming Eagle
Divine Breath 4.25	Divine Breath
Arch Legend 5.00	Allonsy

2.40 BRITISH EBF MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE)
Class 4 2YO 7f (12 runners) £5,400

1 (2) AEGEAN SEA J & T Gosden 9 7..... K Shoemark 82	82
2 (6) 2 ATTACK (18) J & T Gosden 9 7..... O Murphy *85	85
3 (10) CASPIAN KING D Menniser 9 7..... T Marquand 82	82
4 (5) CHARMING FELLOW P Chapelle-Hyam 9 7..... C Shepherd 82	82
5 (12) CONSOLIDATION R Beckett 9 7..... James Doyle 69	69
6 (11) 5 DIVIDEND (29) Dr R Newland & J Insole 9 7..... Rossa Ryan 77	77
7 (7) JET PACKER R Hannan 9 7..... S M Levey 82	82
8 (4) MAXIMUS ALEXIOS R Hannan 9 7..... David Egan 48	48
9 (1) L MOON SNIPER (21) W Muir & C Grassick 9 7..... L Edmunds 48	48
10 (8) ROYAL OFFICER C Appleby 9 7..... W Buick 53	53
11 (1) 0 VAN AERT (18) A Watson 9 7..... L Morris 53	53
12 (3) WINDLORD A Balding 9 7..... K Stott 53	53

Star Betting: 9-4 Royal Officer, 7-2 Attack, 13-2 Consolidation, Aegean Sea, 8 Maximus Alexios, 12 Windlord, 14 Others.

2023: Sunway 9 7, O Murphy 13-2 (D Menniser), drawn (2), 9 ran.

STARFORM: ATTACK DANGER: Consolidation

3.15 CORAL-ECLIPSE TICKETS NOW HANDICAP
Class 3 1m 2f (11 runners) £7,731

1 (1) L-00 CHASING APHRODITE (20)(G) Harry Eustace 5 9 9T Marquand 98	98
2 (10) -540 MAJESTIC (28)(G) J Channon 6 9 8..... K Shoemark 98	98
3 (7) 2040 SWEET REWARD (14)(D2,D2,G,S) J Portman 7 9 7..... R Ryan *101	101
4 (9) 5-24 WISPER (20)(D6,G,S) M Trengrove 6 9 4..... Kaiya Fraser (5) 97	97
5 (3) -124 PRINCE MAXI (55)(A) G Scott 4 9 3..... David Egan 97	97
6 (11) 3L-3 CRYSTAL MARINER (36)(D,A) Sir M Stoute 4 9 3..... R Kingscote 96	96
7 (8) 33-3 ISLAND STAR (20)(A) R Varian 4 9 2..... DOUBTFUL 97	97
8 (5) 0-36 GALLANT LION (28)(B,F,D,G,S) A King 4 9 2..... W Buick 98	98
9 (2) 5-22 BORN RULER (23)(B,F,D,A,G,S) Sir M Prescott 4 9 0..... L Morris 100	100
10 (4) 434- BIZARRE LAW (25)(A,G) A Balding 5 9 0..... O Murphy 99	99
11 (6) 0420 MAPOGO (60)(T) M Pattinson 4 8 7..... A Keeley (3) 97	97

Star Betting: 7-2 Gallant Lion, 4 Crystal Mariner, 9-2 Born Ruler, 7 Majestic, Prince Maxi, 10 Chasing Aphrodite, Wisper, 16 Others.

2023: Paradise 4 9 9, Hollie Doyle 15-2 (A King), drawn (9), 9 ran.

STARFORM: BORN RULER DANGER: Sweet Reward

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM-GOOD IN PLACES

5.30 EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES
Class 4 2YO 6f (14 runners) £7,851

1 (2) 55 ALONDRA (13) C Hills 9 2..... W Cox 82	82
2 (8) DEAR CAT W Greatrex 9 2..... E Greatrex 79	79
3 (6) 36 MAPLEDURHAM (10) B Millman 9 2..... R Coakley 79	79
4 (9) MOLLIE FOSTER E Walker 9 2..... C Hutchinson (3) 75	75
5 (14) MONTRACHET GIRL E J Houghton 9 2..... C Bishop 70	70
6 (9) 0 WOOSTAR (27) Darryll Holland 9 2..... Jason Watson 70	70
7 (11) SEA EMILY RUN Tom Clover 9 2..... J Mitchell 75	75
8 (1) SILVER GHOST E Lavelle 9 2..... O Lewis (7) 75	75
9 (10) TELFORD H Morrison 9 2..... G Downing 75	75
10 (3) 6 ALERTA MAXIMA (20) M Trengrove 9 0..... J Crowley 81	81
11 (5) 2 LIGHTNING FORCE (23) Ollie Sangster 9 0..... T Heard (3) *83	83
12 (7) PERFECT PAROLE T Ward 9 0..... H Doyle 75	75
13 (2) 0 DOLLYANA (25) W Muir & C Grassick 8 12..... A Farragher 78	78
14 (13) WEST KIRBY J Portman 8 12..... R Clutterbuck 78	78

Star Betting: 11-4 Lightning Force, 5 Dollyana, 11-2 Alerta Maxima, 7 Alondra, 10 Mollie Foster, Montrachet Girl, 12 Mapledurham, Sea Emily Run, Tom Clover 9 2.

2023: What A Question 9 2, James Doyle 10-3 Fav (C Johnston), drawn (5), 10 ran.

STARFORM: LIGHTNING FORCE DANGER: Alerta Maxima

6.05 WILLIAM HILL DAILY BOOST HANDICAP
Class 4 1m 6f (9 runners) £6,621

7.15 DEGEN DISTILLERY X MOOD FILLIES' HCAP									
Class 5 3YO F, (8 runners) £5,574									
1 (8)	0132	CYPRIOT DIASPORA (17)(B,F,D,S)	B Millman 9 10 10...	R Coakley	*78				
2 (5)	1683	GOGO YUBARI (21)(H,D2, G)	D Cunha 9 8 9.....	R Clutterbuck	*78				
3 (6)	4140	LYRAISA (28)(D) Jann 9 8.....		H Doyle	74				
4 (4)	0435	HILLTOP (20)(B,F) & C Kubler 9 8.....		J Crowley	75				
5 (7)	0001	NANCY ROSE (11)	J Portman 9 7.....	T Heard (3)	74				
6 (1)	324	IMOLA (22)	Darryll Hilland 9 6.....	J F Egan	73				
7 (3)	166	LAND OF MIGHT (77)(S)	R Cook & J Bridger 9 15 D	B Bowen (5)	76				
8 (2)	5525	MILLIECHRYE MOLLIE (15)(D,A)	A Carroll 9 1.....	W Carson	76				
Star Betting: 11-4 Cypriot Diaspora, 3 Gogo Yubari, 5 Hilltop, 13-2 Lyraisa, 7 Milliechrye Mollie, 8 Imola, 12 Land Of Might, 25 Nancy Rose.									
7.15 Miss Mai (10) 9, D Cuddy (1									







## RUGBY LEAGUE


**STAR**  
**SHORTS**
**CASTLEFORD v WIGAN**

8pm

■ by DAVE CRAVEN

**Huddersfield prop Matty English says there are no hard feelings as he starts a two-week loan spell with Castleford to-night.**

The England Knights forward has not played since last month's Challenge Cup semi-final defeat by Warrington.

He was dropped by Giants boss Ian Watson along with ex-Great Britain star Jake Connor.

English, who debuts against champions Wigan, said: "It did come as a bit of a shock not to be selected. But you have to respect his decision. He's the head coach. That's what he gets paid to do."

"There's no bitterness and no falling out or anything. And it's just nice to get a new opportunity here at Cas."

*English has spent his entire career with Huddersfield, making more than 100 appearances and only signed a new three-year deal last March.*

"It's six years ago since I was last out on loan and that was five games at Dewsbury," he said. "But Watto told me on Tuesday I wasn't in his plans again this week."

"I just said, with the international break, it's coming up to a month without any rugby. No disrespect, I don't want to play reserves: I want to be in Super League testing myself."

"I said my only other option was to go out on loan. He agreed and it all happened really quickly."

*"My agent was a bit shocked but funny enough he'd had a call from Cas who were desperate for middles. He told me to have a think and I realised I just had to be playing."*

"I'm 26 now. I'm not a young kid. I'm hoping to get in my prime these next couple of years and I won't do that if I'm not playing."

Castleford, with just three wins this season, will hope to catch Challenge Cup winners Wigan still hungover from Saturday's Wembley glory.

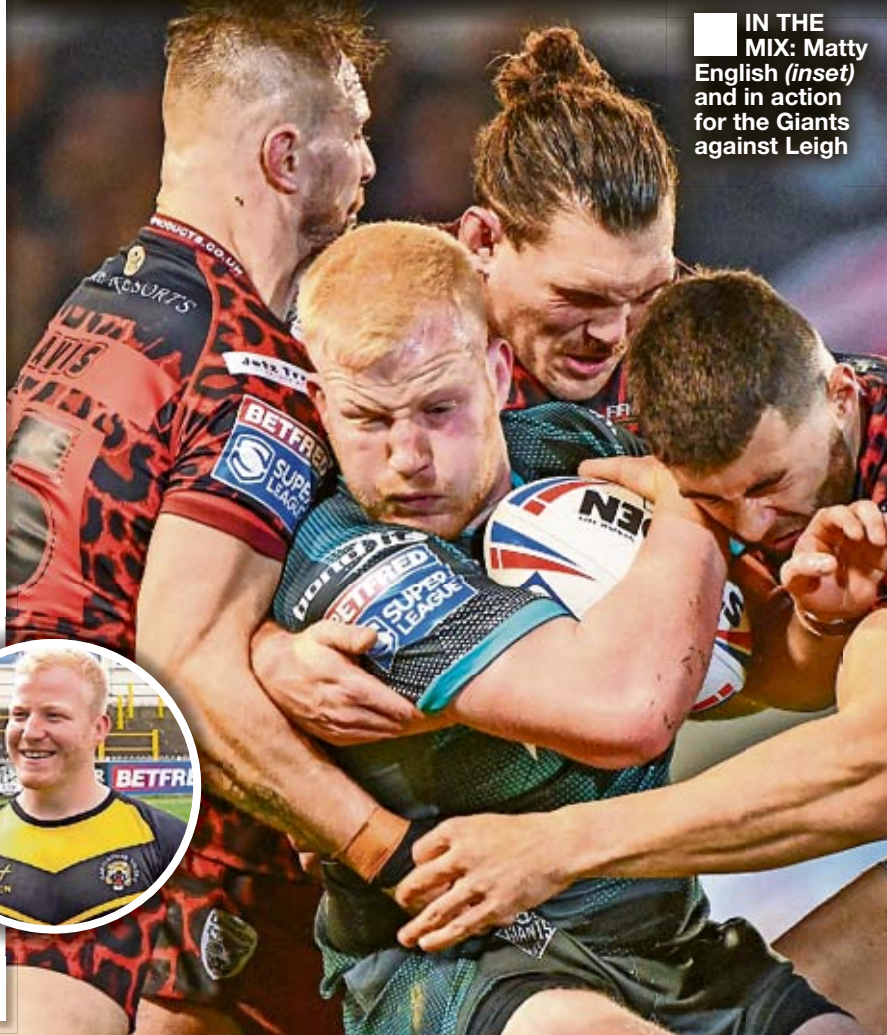
But English said: "We've spoken about expecting the best Wigan squad there is. We need to meet fire with fire and go after them."

"I'm really excited about the chance to play at Cas."

# THE LOANLY WAY IS UP

## There's no Hudd feelings as Matty gets Cas chance

■ IN THE MIX: Matty English (inset) and in action for the Giants against Leigh


**HULL KR v HUDDERSFIELD**

8pm

**HULL KR'S** Mikey Lewis loves having Kelepi Tanginoa on his side rather than getting bullied by the one-man demolition job.

England scrum-half Lewis has formed a brilliant link with the Aussie since his move from Wakefield this season.

They team up down KR's left again tonight looking to blast holes in Huddersfield.

Lewis said: "I had a footprint in my head when I played against him. There's footage of him trampling all over me."

"Kelepi's a gentle giant but when he's running on to the ball like that, he's unstoppable."

"It's a pleasure to be alongside him now."

Meanwhile, Huddersfield boss Ian Watson has confirmed he has dropped Jake Connor once again and the ex-England star could be open to a loan move.

**WARRINGTON v SALFORD**

8pm

**SAM BURGESS** says Warrington have not got time to sulk about their Wembley woe.

They host Salford tonight just six days after losing the Challenge Cup final against Wigan.

Boss Burgess said: "The guys are disappointed."

"That's the reality. But we have to move on as we're playing Salford, they don't really care too much about us. We went through it (the final) in detail and took lessons out of it."

"We've been good every time we've had a mishap or not met standards this season. We do learn pretty quickly and I expect us to come back better."

## He'll get in our Ed

**RUGBY UNION**

**STEVE BORTHWICK** has urged his England squad to blank out Eddie Jones' mind games ahead of next Saturday's Test in Tokyo.

Japan boss Jones has already started with the wind-ups and Borthwick said: "One thing I think that's improving with this team is the ability to focus on ourselves."

## Game on for Max

**OLYMPICS**

**TRIPLE** gold medallist Max Whitlock will lead the British gymnastics squad into next month's Olympic Games in Paris.

Whitlock stepped away from the sport after clinching his second pommel crown in Tokyo in 2021 but returned last year and recently announced he would make the 2024 Games his last.

## Yates hits high five

**CYCLING**

**ADAM YATES** boosted his lead in the Tour de Suisse with victory on stage five.

The Team Emirates rider's overall lead is now 35 seconds, with fellow Brits Oscar Onley and Tom Pidcock seventh and eighth.

Yates, who will aid Tadej Pogacar at the Tour de France, said: "It was a really strong ride."

**ANSWERS**
**YESTERDAY'S SPORTWORD**

Across: 1. Snowfall; 7. Doshi; 8. Nemec; 9. Meyler; 10. Haji; 12. Cuba; 14. Wright; 17. Tevez; 18. Drmic; 19. Glaziers.

Down: 1. Sisay; 2. Oliver; 3. Finn; 4. Lemma; 5. Adam Scott; 6. McLintock; 11. Bridge; 13. Bivol; 15. Gomes; 16. Azaz.

**FIVE FOR FUN**

1. Alex Revell, 2. Northampton Saints, 3. New York Giants, 4. Nikola Jokic, 5. Nick Cassidy

# EMMA SERVES UP TOP FORM

**EMMA RADUCANU** has her sights set on tennis's top table again after despatching former Wimbledon junior champion Daria Snigur to reach the quarter-finals of the Rothesay Open.

In testing, windy conditions in Nottingham, Raducanu (left) sent down 11 aces – including three in a row in the sixth game – to defeat her Ukrainian opponent 6-2, 6-2.

It was an impressive serving performance which topped out at 111mph in the sixth game of the second set

**■ by NEIL SQUIRES**

and had her measuring herself against the best afterwards.

"I served really well throughout the whole match," said Raducanu. "I've been working on every part of my game but the serve is very important. It's just repetition and I'm pleased to just see the rewards in competition."

"It makes a huge difference to where I was at the start of the year."

"I've realised playing the top opponents, like Iga (Swiatek) or Aryna (Sabalenka), you need a first serve to play them

because they're very comfortable holding serve and if you don't have one yourself, then it's very difficult to be on a level playing field."

Raducanu lost the first two games of the match but then reeled off six in a row to take the opening set.

And when Snigur did apply pressure, a scrapping Raducanu saved six break points including two in the final game of the match.

The 21-year-old is now one step away from reaching her first semi-final for almost two years.

# Murray send-off

**WIMBLEDON** are "ready and prepared" to pay tribute to Andy Murray if he plays his final event this summer but will wait for final confirmation that he is retiring.

The double Wimbledon champion (right) 37, will team up in the men's doubles this year with his brother Jamie for his potential farewell appearance.

But All England Club chief executive Sally Bolton said: "We have got plans in place and we're

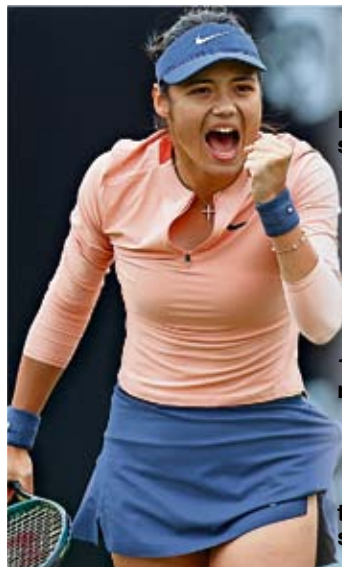
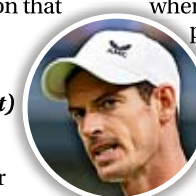
**■ by NEIL McLEMAN**

ready and prepared but it is certainly for Andy to make the decision for when we trigger those plans.

"We will all share some of the same emotions as and when Andy decides to retire."

Meanwhile, Rafa Nadal admits he is "saddened" to miss Wimbledon to focus on the Olympics.

The Spaniard added: "I will miss you all."





# Phil left in real trouble

PHIL MICKELSON carded a nightmare opening round of 79 as his US Open challenge fell at the first hurdle.

The American (*inset*) has won every Major except this one, finishing runner-up on a record six occasions.

But his hopes of going one better and completing the Grand Slam faded from the first tee at Pinehurst.

Mickelson, who became the oldest Major champion at the

■ by ANDREW GAMBLE  
2021 US PGA Championship, began his day with four consecutive bogeys.

He dropped six shots on his front nine before letting three more slip on the way in.

His playing partner, Matteo Manassero, did not fare better.

The Italian endured a nine-over nightmare of his own, starting with

a triple-bogey on the first hole.

He added a double-bogey on the third before four more bogeys followed.

Tiger Woods started with a birdie on his opening hole but slumped badly from there.

Six bogeys hurt the 15-time Major champion as the best he could do was a four-over-par round of 74.



# GOLF: US OPEN

■ READ ALL ABOUT IT:  
Ludvig Aberg weighs up a putt during his 66



# SWEDE DREAM

## Ludvig looking good in pursuit of first Major

**LUDVIG ABERG'S** stunning rise shows no sign of slowing down as he fired himself into contention to win a maiden Major title.

■ from ANDREW GAMBLE in Pinehurst

The Ryder Cup star is four under par after the opening round of the US Open, just one behind early leader Patrick Cantlay.

Before April's Masters, Aberg had never participated in a Major, despite representing Europe in the win over Team USA last September.

*He secured a tie for second on his debut at Augusta, establishing himself as one of the game's big hitters.*

Aberg has soared to No.6 in the world and he lived up to the billing at Pinehurst No. 2.

The secret to his success through the opening round of the US Open? Discipline.

"Staying very disciplined is important," said Aberg.

"There's a lot of pins where you don't really think about going for. So me and Joe [Skovron], my caddie, we have a lot of good conversations about certain areas that you try to hit it on.

"It's difficult to be very, very precise with the numbers and those things.

"But try to get a gauge on where to hit it, where to miss it, make sure that

we stay disciplined towards things." When asked how difficult it is to remain disciplined at Pinehurst, Aberg said: "It's really hard. Especially when you have a wedge in your hand or something like that where normally you would go at the pin, but you can't really do that here.

"It's the US Open, it's supposed to be hard. That's what we're doing here."

Aberg has experience around the sweeping fairways and undulating greens from previous US Amateur campaigns. His lack of major experience means nerves are present, but he remains composed.

"Oh, I'm always nervous when I'm playing tournament golf," the 24-year-old said.

*"That's the way it's supposed to be. The day when I'm not nervous, it's not a good sign. A lot of butterflies this morning."*

Aberg posted back-to-back birdies early on the front nine. He recovered from a bogey on his 15th – the par-three sixth – with a closing birdie following a stunning tee shot on the short ninth.

Heading into the second round, he is not targeting a specific score, saying: "It's going to be tricky."

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# 120 CRICKET WORLD CUP

## DOUBLE QUICK

### Pace aces Archer and Wood set up brisk win

**ENGLAND needed just 19 balls to knock off a measly target of 48 to keep their T20 World Cup dream alive.**

Jofra Archer, Mark Wood and Adil Rashid ran through Oman with ease, knocking their unfancied opponents over for just 47 to help Jos Buttler's side get the job done in no time.

Seeking a heavy win to bolster their net run-rate and help them overtake Scotland in the race for the Super 8s, the defending champions made light work of the Arab nation in Antigua.

It moves England's tournament run-rate to 3.08, compared to the Scots' 2.16, but they have two points more.

**Buttler saw his side take all 10 wickets in a hasty 13.2 overs, with leg-spinner Rashid claiming 4-11, while pace pair Wood and Archer each took 3-12.**

Buttler won the toss and handed responsibility to his bowlers, trusting them to impose themselves rather than asking his batting line-up to aim for the stands.

It was a call he would not regret. Reece Topley set the tone with a solid three-over spell as Archer kicked off the procession of wickets.

Pratik Athavale and captain Aqib Ilyas were both unsettled by the lift he was able to extract from the surface, trying to get on top of the bounce but only succeeding in feeding low catches to Phil Salt and Will Jacks.

Archer should have had a third

■ from RORY DOLLARD in North Sound

when Moeen Ali grassed an ankle-high chance at slip.

**Wood was handed the final over of the powerplay and he had Zeeshan Maqsood caught and bowled off his first delivery and quickly added Kashyap Prajapati, flapping to mid-wicket after being hustled for pace.**

The arrival of Rashid accelerated Oman's decline.

He ripped his opening ball past Khalid Kail's sweep, who was stumped by a scrambling Buttler, then watched as Mehran Khan offered Moeen some needed catching practice at slip.

In between, Ayaan Khan dragged Wood into his stumps before Rashid got two more as he toyed with the tail. Oman snuck past the tournament's low score of 39 but the end was near, Shoaib Khan the last man to go.

Phil Salt smashed the opening two balls of the chase for six before chopping on.

And despite also losing Will Jacks, Buttler's unbeaten 24 off just eight balls was enough to secure a brutal victory.

Man of the match Rashid said: "We bowled exceptionally. It was nice to bowl them out for 47."

"Our job is to go out next time, do our thing and hope the rest takes care of itself."



**KICK OMAN WHEN THEY'RE DOWN:** Jofra Archer (main pic) and Mark Wood (inset) get among the wickets

### SCOREBOARD

**NORTH SOUND: England (2pts) beat Oman by eight wickets**

OMAN	
P Athavale c Salt b Archer.....	5
K Prajapati c Livingstone b Wood .....	9
A Ilyas c Jacks b Archer .....	8
Z Maqsood c & b Wood .....	1
K Kail st Buttler b Rashid .....	1
A Khan b Wood .....	1
S Khan c Buttler b Archer .....	11
M Khan c Ali b Rashid .....	0
A Butt b Rashid .....	2
K Kaleemullah b Rashid .....	5
B Khan not out .....	0
W4 .....	4
<b>Total (13.2 overs) .....</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Fall: 6, 16, 24, 25, 25, 32, 33, 36, 47.</b>	
<b>Bowling:</b> Topley 3-0-12-0, Archer 3-2-1-12-3, Wood 3-0-12-3, Rashid 4-0-11-4.	
ENGLAND	
P Salt b B Khan .....	12
J Buttler not out .....	24
W Jacks c Prajapati b Kaleemullah .....	5
J Bairstow not out .....	8
Nb1 .....	1
<b>Total (2 wks., 3.1 overs) .....</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Fall: 12, 20.</b>	
<b>Bowling:</b> Khan 2-0-36-1, Kaleemullah 1-0-10-1, Butt 0-1-0-4-0.	
<b>Umpires:</b> L Rusere & M Yaqoob.	

### INFORMATION STATION

**International Match**  
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**CRICKET**  
**ICC WORLD TWENTY20 - GROUP C—** England v Oman (North Sound): Oman 47 (13.2 overs; A Rashid 4-11). England 50-2 (3.1 overs; J Buttler 24no). England win by 8 wickets.

	P	W	D	L	NR	RR	Pts
Australia .....	3	3	0	0	0	3.580	6
Scotland .....	3	2	0	0	0	12.164	5
England .....	3	1	0	1	0	13.081	3
Namibia .....	3	1	0	2	0	0.098	2
Oman .....	4	0	0	4	0	0.062	0

**ICC WORLD TWENTY20 - GROUP D—** Bangladesh v Netherlands (Kingstown): Bangladesh 159-5 (20.0 overs, S Al Hasan 64no); Netherlands 134-8. Bangladesh win by 25 runs.

	P	W	D	L	NR	RR	Pts
South Africa .....	3	3	0	0	0	0.603	6
Bangladesh .....	3	2	0	1	0	0.478	4
Netherlands .....	3	1	0	2	0	0.408	2
Nepal .....	3	0	0	1	1	1.053	1
Sri Lanka .....	3	0	0	2	1	1.077	1

**T20 BLAST - SOUTH GROUP—** Glamorgan v Hampshire (Sophia Gardens): Match Abandoned without a ball bowled

**Middlesex v Essex** (Lord's): Essex 129-4 (12.4 overs). Middlesex 63-2 (6.0 overs). Essex (2pts) beat Middlesex by 16 runs (D/L Method).

### GOLF

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Par 72): **65** P Cantlay, **66** L Aaberg (Swe), **67** M Pavan (Fra), **68** T Finau, **69** S Bennett, C Connors (Can), S Garcia (Spa), Seong-Hyeon Kim (Kor), A Rai (Eng), **70** Z Blair, E Grillo (Arg), R Henley, S Jaeger (Ger), B Koepka, L McAllister, C Morikawa, R Rock (Eng), I Salinda, N Shipley, D Thompson, **71** R Fowler, M Greysenman, Si-Woo Kim (Kor), W Mack III, S Power (Iri), C Smith (Aus), T Widing (Swe), **72** N Echavarria (Col), A Eckroat, N Hoejgaard (Den), B Kim, F Kjettrup (Den), M Kuchar, J Lower, M Meissner, E Molinari (Ita), G Woodland, **73** D Berger, S Burns, M Fitzpatrick (Eng), R Fox (Nzl), C Jarvis (Rsa), C Jenkins, Min-Woo Lee (Aus), F Molinari (Ita), O Morales (Mex), J Rose (Eng), **74** Byeong-Hun An (Kor), D Burmester (Rsa), L Glover, A Hadwin (Can), J Herman, Sung-Jae Im (Kor), D Johnson, T McKibbin (Nlri), T Woods, **75** A McCulloch (Can), W Simpson, W Zalatoris, **76** R Ishikawa (Jpn), T Kanaya (Jpn), A Meronk (Pol), D Puig (Spa), **77** P Bell, C Davis (Aus), R Hoey (Phi), M McGowan, C Petefish, S Theegala, J Thomas.

### TENNIS

**WTA ROTHESAY OPEN**

**NOTTINGHAM**—2nd rd: E Raducanu (Gbr) bt D Snigur (Ukr) 6-2 6-2 ends.

### TODAY'S DIARY

(7.45pm unless stated)

**European Championships**

**Group A**  
Germany v Scotland (8pm).....  
(Live on ITV 1)

### CRICKET

**ICC World Twenty20 - Grp A:** USA

v Ireland (Lauderhill, 3.30pm).

**t20 Blast - North Group:** Derbyshire

v Northamptonshire (Derby, 7pm).

Leicestershire v Lancashire (Grace

Road, 6.30pm). Warwickshire v

Yorkshire (Edgbaston, 7.05pm).

Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire

(New Road, 5.30pm). **South Group:**

Essex v Sussex (Chelmsford, 7pm).

Hampshire v Middlesex (The Rose

Bowl, 7pm). Somerset v Kent

(Taunton, 6.30pm). Surrey v

Gloucestershire (The Oval, 6.30pm).

### RUGBY LEAGUE

**Betfred Super League** (8pm):

Castleford v Wigan, Hull K R v

Huddersfield, Warrington v Salford.

### 5 FOR FUN

- Which former Stevenage FC forward has been reappointed as the team's manager?
- Which club has signed loose-head prop Tom West from Gallagher Premiership rivals Saracens ahead of next season?
- Derry placekicker Jude McAtamney has signed for which NFL side?
- Who won his third NBA Most Valuable Player Award in 2023-24?
- Which New Zealander won the first 2024 Berlin ePrix, Race 9 of the 2023-24 Formula E World Championship?

ANSWERS: Page 43

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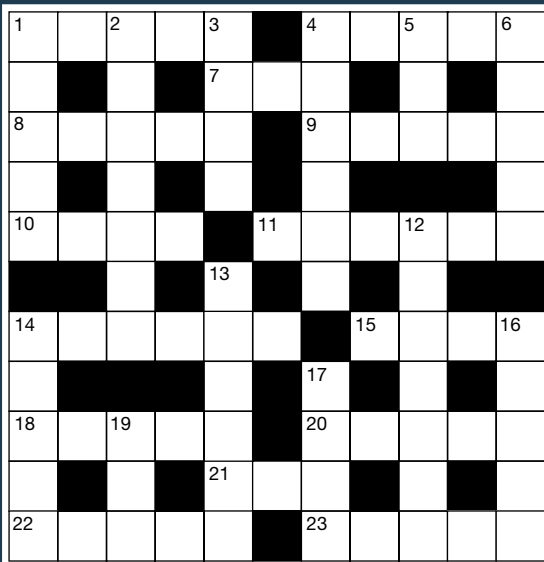
#### ACROSS

- Carl ....., 1991-95 West Brom forward (5)
- 4 and 4 Down. 2020 BDO World Darts Championship winner (5,6)
- League that merged with the NBA in 1976 (1,1,1)
- Wolfgang ....., 1964-74 West Germany defender (5)
- Dermot ....., 1988-96 Warwickshire CCC all-rounder; 1992 England Test debutant (5)
- 10 and 17 Down. 2015-22 England defender/midfielder (4,4)
- Tom ....., 2006-10 Saracens prop (6)
- Dimitrios ....., Greece and Istanbul Basaksehir midfielder (6)
- Steve ....., 1986 Commonwealth Games 800m and 1,500m gold medalist (4)
- Yvon ....., 1946 Wimbledon singles tennis championship winner (5)
- Euro 2020 Final winners (5)
- See 13 Down.
- Ian ....., 2012-13 NG Dragons lock (5)
- Joe ....., Cardiff City midfielder (5)

#### DOWN

- Neil ....., Australia Test cricketer who took 7-105 against England in Sydney in 1966 (5)
- 2 and 3 Down. Norwich and 2017-22 Sao Paulo midfielder (7,4)
- See 2 Down.
- See 4 Across.
- Alex ....., 2022 Commonwealth Games triathlon gold medalist (3)
- Matt ....., US golfer; 2014 and 2015 Arnold Palmer Invitational tournament winner (5)
- See 19 Down.
- 13 and 21 Across. Hull KR, 2013-17 Samoa and 2021-22 Newcastle Knights prop (6,3)
- Jean-Pierre ....., 1986-95 France and 1986-92 Marseille forward; 1991 Ballon d'Or winner (5)
- David ....., 2013-14 Manchester United manager (5)
- See 10 Across.
- 19 and 12 Down. Newcastle Falcons, 2019-22 Wasps and 2023 Melbourne Rebels lock (3,7)

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## Richard rethink

RICHARD RIAKPORHE saw the stress he put his parents through and knew he had to sort out his life.

Now he wants to hand them a world title belt tomorrow to make it all worthwhile.

Riakporhe (inset) takes on WBO cruiser-weight champion Chris Billam-Smith in a rematch of their 2019 clash which he won.

Like most things in life for the south-Londoner, it hasn't been straightforward and, despite beating Billam-Smith back then,

■ by CHRIS MCKENNA he is now the challenger for the title.

But this is where he always wanted to be since he found boxing as a teen

not long after he was stabbed on the Aylesbury estate.

"I put a lot of stress on my parents," said Riakporhe.

"Not intentionally but having those things happening to me, I only recently realised how much stress they endured.

"I said I'm going to make them proud of me. That's my philosophy."





## Luis wings in to iron out switch

WEST HAM have completed the signing of Brazilian teenager Luis Guilherme from Palmeiras.

The 18-year-old attacking midfielder has agreed a five-year deal with the Irons.

And the winger is set to finalise his switch to East London when the transfer window officially opens today.

"I'm very happy to be signing with West Ham United, a club that trusted in my work," said Guilherme.

"I also want to thank everyone at

■ by GARY CHAPPELL

West Ham, particularly (technical director) Tim Steidten and his team who came to Brazil and not only talked with me, but also with my family.

"They presented the project, and both my family and I liked it."

Guilherme (*inset*) has won the Serie A title with Palmeiras and been capped by Brazil at Under-20s level.

He added: "I'm happy to be signing with this club and hope to contribute.

We have a beautiful journey ahead of us at the club."



## KERR'S TRUE BLUE

■ by DARREN WELLS

CHELSEA striker Sam Kerr has signed a new two-year contract with the Women's Super League champions.

The Australian, who joined the club midway through the 2019-20 campaign, is now committed to the Blues until the summer of 2026.

The 30-year-old's previous deal had been due to expire this summer. Kerr (*inset*) said: "It's really exciting and a very proud moment for me. Having the opportunity to stay at a club like Chelsea means a lot to me.

"I'm really excited to continue to push and to try to win trophies."

Kerr, Australia's record goalscorer, has won five WSL titles, three FA Cups and two League Cups since joining Chelsea from Chicago Red Stars.

She has scored 99 goals in 128 appearances for the club.



## Kelly's ready for life on the Toon

NEWCASTLE have made Bournemouth defender Lloyd Kelly their first new recruit of the summer with the move set to go through on July 1.

The 25-year-old, who can play either in central defence or at left-back, will be reunited with manager Eddie Howe who brought him to the south coast in 2019 when Cherries boss.

Kelly (*right*), who has signed "a long-term deal," told the club's website: "It is amazing to be coming here.

"I know how big the club is and how much it means to all

■ by DARREN WELLS the fans, and I want to hit the ground running and get to work.

"It's a big move for myself and the family – of course being down south is a bit different – but I think the city of Newcastle is amazing, with the contrast between city life and the countryside."

Toon boss Howe said: "I'm really pleased to have secured Lloyd's signature.

"He's a player who's proven himself at Premier League level and I'm certain he'll be a great addition as we prepare for the new season."



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# GATE CRASHERS

Life after Gareth in need of foreign aid

**MARK BULLINGHAM almost jumped out of his seat at the mere mention of a time he doesn't want to arrive.**

It's called 'Life after Gareth'. And it might be upon the FA chief executive sooner than he dares to think about.

"If we don't win (Euro 2024), I probably won't be here any more," said Southgate, "so it might be the last chance.

"I think about half of the national coaches leave after a tournament, that's the nature of international football."

Southgate is right in one sense, but wrong in another.

It's true a lot of international managers find themselves out of work following a major finals.

But Southgate is not going to be sacked, whatever happens with England this summer.

**He will get to decide when the moment is right to stand down and the thick end of eight years is a heck of a long time to have one of the most demanding jobs in sport, let alone football.**

So Bullingham and his fellow FA bosses have set the wheels in motion in terms of working out who Southgate's replacement could be.

This is where it gets interesting. And a little frightening, even, if you're in the bizarre camp of believing the next Three Lions boss has to be homegrown.

Because the talent pool available consists of Under-21s boss Lee Carsley, Eddie Howe and Graham Potter.

Carsley has come through the system in place at St George's Park, but hasn't managed at the highest level.

Howe's reputation is stained due to his association with Saudi

Arabian-owned Newcastle, while Potter has become the forgotten man of football, having been chewed up and spat out by Chelsea.

So unless I've missed someone obvious, it's a bit of a head scratcher.

**Unless Bullingham breaks with tradition and does something exciting, which would be at odds with his general attitude and demeanour.**

Like target a foreign coach.

It has to be said that both Sven-Goran Eriksson and Fabio Capello didn't cover themselves in much glory during their time in charge.

But then again, neither did

Steve McClaren, Sam Allardyce, Kevin Keegan or Roy Hodgson, to name but a few. Whoever gets to fill Southgate's shoes has a huge job on his hands.

Given how close Southgate has come to ultimate success in recent tournaments, the bloke who replaces him will basically have to win a trophy.

He will have to get the maximum out of a talented group of players, and be able to handle the pressure of the biggest occasions.

The likes of Pep Guardiola, Jurgen Klopp and Carlo Ancelotti know a thing or two about the above.

All three are serial winners, and should make up

**SERIAL WINNERS:** Guardiola, Ancelotti and Klopp would be exciting replacements for Southgate



Bullingham's entire shortlist. Because it doesn't matter what the nationality of the next England boss is.

What counts is that Bullingham appoints the best bloke possible, instead of ticking a box that shouldn't even exist.

**I've lost count of the international sports teams now made up of players who were born in other countries.**

But what does it matter?

Just imagine how excited England supporters would be if Bullingham announced one of Guardiola, Klopp or Ancelotti to be the next boss?

And just imagine how excited they'd be if he revealed it was Carsley?

## McILROY HAS MAJOR HEADACHE AHEAD OF US OPEN

IT MIGHT have become one of the most curious questions in sport.

Is there more chance of Rory McIlroy winning another Major – or getting divorced?

It's doubtful even the man himself knows the answer.

The golfing superstar chose the eve of the PGA

Championship to announce he was divorcing wife Erica Stoll.

And then he chose the eve of the US Open to announce he wasn't.

The couple (*right*) are giving it another go, for the sake of their young family.

Which has to be applauded, of course, but

talk about making life difficult for yourself ahead of one of the most important tournaments in the calendar.

As McIlroy knows only too well, winning Majors is difficult. He has four but hasn't won one for a

decade. And that's been without heading into all of them without a scrambled mind.

I might be sticking my neck out here, but it's probably safe to assume he won't be winning at Pinehurst No. 2 this weekend.





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EURO 2024



HOST: Nagelsmann

## Julian is right at home

■ by DARREN WELLS

**JULIAN** Nagelsmann says the thrill of a home Euros outweighs the pressure of being hosts as Germany launch the tournament tonight against Scotland.

The former Leipzig and Bayern Munich boss admitted that his players will be nervous when they try to silence the Tartan Army.

But he has also told his players that they have a "unique opportunity" over the next month to become national heroes.

The Germany manager said: "We will face up to the task. It is a huge task, it will be challenging, and it's certainly not a chance that comes around very often."

"It's only the second time Germany has hosted a European Championship. For the players, and for myself as a manager, to take part in a tournament on home soil is a unique opportunity."

"There is pressure involved, but more so joy. If we can see that joy on the pitch, then we will have a great tournament."

So, how far can they go this time, according to the man who was brought in to replace Hansi Flick last autumn.

"The normal ambition: we want to win it," the 36-year-old said. "It's the same in all other tournaments."

"We have the idea of winning it. If we give it our all, it can happen. Lots of things have to come together. It's not a sure thing for any team."

"We're all getting kind of nervous, a little bit. It's normal, but it's good as well, because if you're kind of nervous, you'll be focused."

"The start of the group stage will be very important for us."

**FIGHTING TALK:** Andy Robertson (left) in training with Billy Gilmour yesterday



# STUFF OF LEGENDS

## It's a knockout for Robertson

**CAPTAIN** Andy Robertson wants Scotland to achieve "legendary" status by reaching the knockout stages of Euro 2024.

Scotland sides have played at eight World Cups and three European Championships without being able to get past the first stage.

Steve Clarke's side reached the 2020 Euros – the first major tournament for the country since the 1998 World Cup in France – but again fell short by losing to Croatia and the Czech Republic, either side of a goalless draw with England at Wembley.

**Scotland start Euro 2024 by taking on host country Germany tonight before facing Switzerland and Hungary.**

Liverpool left-back Robertson, who revealed he is in a good place physically and mentally

**GERMANY V SCOTLAND**

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■ by GARY CHAPPELL

after a scare in training on Monday, was bold in his ambitions at the media conference at the Munich Arena.

He said: "The first Euros was massive for us, now we want to compete. Last time we felt in the England game we did pretty well but let ourselves down in the other two or thought we could do a bit better."

"We don't want to have any regrets this time. What's the worst that can happen? We go into a long list of teams that have failed to make it out the group so let's start from that point and move on from it."

"We believe we can be the

team to make history. We have put ourselves in a good position by qualifying first and foremost and let's see what we can do."

"We're excited by the challenge, we're excited about what's ahead."

"And if we perform the way I know we can perform then I'm confident we can make history."

"We know what is at stake. As I said, what's the worst that can happen? You join the list of good Scotland teams that failed to make it out of the group."

"The flipside to that is we can be the first team to progress."

**"We have lots of incentives to do well but that is the main one, to become a legendary squad, the first team to make it to the knockout stages."**

"That is driving us forward but we are in a difficult group and we have to be at our best to have a chance of doing that."

## Kylian craze

**TOURNAMENT** organisers have been stunned by the Kylian Mbappe-mania which saw them swamped by 100,000 ticket applications just to watch Real Madrid's new star in training.

Mbappe (inset) was put through his paces with the rest of France's highly-fancied squad at the 4,000-capacity Home

■ by SIMON MULLOCK  
Deluxe Arena in the historic cathedral city of Paderborn after arriving in Germany on Wednesday.

After announcing the session would be opened up to the public, the demand for free tickets to see Mbappe alongside his French team-mates exploded.



## Swiss on roll

■ by ANDY DEAN

**GRANIT XHAKA** wants to back up a phenomenal season with Bayer Leverkusen by helping Switzerland enjoy a memorable European Championship.

The ex-Arsenal midfielder won the league and cup double in his first season in Germany and will captain the Swiss as they face the Germans, Hungary and Scotland in Group A.

Xhaka said: "Many of our players have won titles and a lot have made it into the Champions League, that gives them motivation and self-confidence."

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# TEDDY SURE TRENT'S NOT A MIDDLE MAN

**TEDDY SHERINGHAM** says Gareth Southgate will be making a huge mistake if he plays Trent Alexander-Arnold in midfield for England's Euro 2024 opener.

Southgate is considering starting the Liverpool right-back in midfield, alongside Declan Rice, for Sunday's Group C game against Serbia in Gelsenkirchen.

But former England striker Sheringham (*inset*) reckons that would be a

■ **by DAVID McDONNELL** massive gamble for the Three Lions.

"I think Southgate is in danger of shoeorning players into the wrong positions," said Sheringham.

"I know Trent Alexander-Arnold can pick out a pass, but it's not the be all and end all of playing in midfield.

"I wouldn't play him there.

"I'd be surprised if he did start the game against Serbia there – I'd prefer him at right-back."

The former



Manchester United and Tottenham striker, who won 51 England caps, also admitted he is concerned at

England's defence, particularly the absence of Harry Maguire.

"Losing Maguire, who's been a stalwart for England over the years, to injury is a big issue having played alongside John Stones in the middle of defence," Sheringham said.

"I would be very concerned if I were England.

"You don't just put a random four players in defence to play together."

■ **Teddy Sheringham** was speaking to TG Casino

# Gareth's gadgets

■ **by JOHN CROSS** GARETH SOUTHGATE and his players are wearing hi-tech rings to monitor their performance in the Euros.

England stars are using Oura technology which tracks their movements, training and even their sleep during the tournament.

Three Lions boss Southgate has been sporting one on his hand along with the players, as the ring is similar to sports watches which can carry out the same measurements.

But the Oura technology – which costs from £200 upwards – boasts round-the-clock insights into sleep, fitness, and stress for wellness.

The England medical team can then make regular checks to get updates on the players.

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PRICELESS: Haaland and boss Guardiola

# HAAL

## From Back Page

next few years. It will also depend on trends in football. In any case, one thing is certain today: Erling Haaland feels at home at Manchester City!

"He is one thousand per cent committed to the City project and is already looking forward to the new season with the club."

Pimenta sent shockwaves through the game when she suggested last year that Haaland's potential wealth could no longer be measured in millions of pounds.

She feels the 52 goals he scored when City won the Premier League, Champions League and FA Cup Treble in 2023 has only increased his commercial value even further.

Pimenta, talking to website Flashscore, said: "When I said that this amount corresponded to his (Haaland's) value, I wasn't talking about his transfer value."

"I was referring to the value of a top player at that age, with enormous room for improvement - and when I said that, he hadn't even done the Treble."

"His profile represents a huge value in the eyes of sponsors and clubs, as well as in terms of shirt sales and media exposure."

"And all that, put together - ticket sales, TV rights, everything - Erling will earn over the course of his career, I'm convinced it will exceed a billion."

## FOOTIE FLASHES

● EDIN TERZIC has resigned as coach of Champions League runners-up Borussia Dortmund.

● AC MILAN have appointed former Lille boss Paulo Fonseca as their new manager.

● WIGAN have signed Chelsea winger Dion Rankine, 21, on a three-year deal.

● ENGLAND defender Esme Morgan will play in the USA after joining Washington Spirit.

# COME ON ENCGALLAND

## Scotland reject eyes his chance to roar for Lions

**CONOR GALLAGHER** could have been lining up for Scotland in Munich in the Euro 2024 opener but was not considered good enough.

The Chelsea midfielder, who qualified through his late grandfather, went for 'trials' for Scotland's junior set-up but did not make the cut.

But now he is battling for a starting spot in Gareth Southgate's team for England's first Group C match against Serbia on Sunday.

He said: "When I was 15 or 16, I wasn't good enough to play for the England youth team so I went to train with one of the Scotland teams to see what I was like - and I wasn't good enough for them either."

"So I managed to work my way back into the England youth set-up and was lucky enough to stay in it."

Gallagher and the rest of the England squad will be watching the Germany-Scotland clash at their camp in Blankenhain tonight before heading to Gelsenkirchen tomorrow for their showdown with the Serbs.

**Gallagher's form for Chelsea has been so impressive that he is a serious contender to partner Declan Rice in the centre of Southgate's midfield.**

And the 24-year-old gives Mauricio Pochettino, who lasted only one season as boss at Stamford Bridge, huge credit for his development on the elite stage.

Gallagher said: "I have come a long way this season and I give a lot of credit

■ by ANDY DUNN

to Pochettino and what he has done for me.

"He gave me responsibility and trust at Chelsea and put me in a better position to be a bigger part of the squad at this tournament and I'll do as much as I can to help England in the tournament."

Gallagher did not see any action at Qatar 2022 even though he was part of

the squad but he feels like a different player out here in Germany.

He said: "In Qatar I was kind of expected not to play in a way, I still loved the experience and was so honoured to be there but I never expected to come on or start games. It is a couple of years on and I'm in a different position."

"A lot of credit to Pochettino for giving me that opportunity to show

Chelsea what I could do and, hopefully, there is still room for improvement."

And while he says he is "excited" at the prospect of working with his new club boss, Enzo Maresca, Gallagher is clearly gutted that Pochettino has left, saying: "He [Pochettino] has done so much for me so I was sad, sad for him and the coaching staff."

"He showed belief and trust in me, which is all a player wants. If a manager shows you a bit of love, it makes you play better. Long story short, it gives you confidence and that's what it gave me."

**Gallagher's Chelsea contract only has a year to run and he has been linked with moves to Spurs and Aston Villa.**

But Gallagher believes all the talk about his Premier League future is not a distraction at the Euros.

He said: "I'm a Chelsea player right now."

"And I'm just focused on England and the tournament."

"It is not difficult, I'm in a very privileged position to be at a tournament like this and I couldn't be happier with my situation."



FOCUSED: Gallagher with England and (right) hugging ex-boss Poch



## Stones rolling with it after illness and injury

**JOHN STONES'** rollercoaster week took another twist when he appeared back on the training pitch a day after he had boss Gareth Southgate fearing the worst.

Having already been pulled out of the final warm-up game against Iceland last

■ by KEITH WEBSTER

week as a precaution over an ankle injury, Stones appeared fine after England arrived in Germany.

But on Wednesday he was a no-show through illness, leaving the England camp contemplating their options

in defence for Sunday's showdown against Serbia.

But having isolated so as not to pass on his illness to any other members of the squad, the Manchester City star (left) was back on his feet and in action yesterday at their Blankenhain base on

a day when all 26 players in the England squad took part in the session.

Luke Shaw continued his good progress and has trained all week as he recovers from hamstring issues that have seen him struggle since mid-February.



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## SERBIA v ENGLAND

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### EBERECHI EZE admits he feels like the comeback king of English football.

And who can blame him, considering the winger has gone from the depths of despair to the greatest high in the space of just three years.

No one is better equipped to deal with setbacks than Eze after what the Crystal Palace ace has been through.

Ahead of the last Euros he ruptured his Achilles tendon in training with Palace, on the same day he found out he had been picked in the provisional squad for the tournament.

He learned of the call-up on his mobile phone, having hobbled back to the dressing room.

The moment left some of his team-mates in tears and Eze watching England's march to the final on crutches.

**Fast forward to 2024 and his hell has been replaced by heaven, having finally made it to a major tournament as an England star.**

He said: "I'd gone inside, checked my phone and saw the message, so it was a tough day but, again, it's part of the journey and I am grateful to be here now."

"Back then, you're sort of dealing with the emotion of what could have been, all that type of stuff."

"I was there watching the England games with a cast on my foot. At that time you're overthinking, because it was my first big injury, so I was just like, 'Oh, imagine if I was there'."

"But those types of experiences make you stronger, they build your character and they give you more strength. I don't think I would have the mentality that I have now without an experience like that."

Eze's determination to overcome obstacles has become part of his DNA.

Arsenal, Fulham and Millwall all rejected him, while he had a loan spell with Wycombe before Palace recognised his talent.

He said: "That's the story of all footballers. Anyone that's a professional footballer playing at the highest level, you have to be resilient, you have to be strong and able to come back from setbacks. You fail more than you succeed in this sport."

"I'm grateful that all those things did happen, because I feel like that's given me the mindset to focus on what it is that I believe in. That anything is possible."

**Eze took inspiration from Russian gymnast Artur Dalaloyan, who took just four months to recover from his own Achilles trouble.**

And he has never looked back, to such an extent that he has made the Euro 2024 squad at the expense of stars such as Jack Grealish and Marcus Rashford.

Eze is grateful to be in the place he now finds himself – part of an England squad favoured to go on and conquer Europe this summer.

He added: "When I got the text this time it was just gratitude. Just being grateful to be in this position now, because I know so many people who would love to be here as well."

"Every opportunity I get I'm determined to take it. That was the main emotion for me. I'm not seeing it as being fortunate or lucky to be here. I'm seeing it as the hard work I've put in as got me here."

"I'm ready to work and do my thing, give my all. That's the main thing for me, enjoy the moment, not looking back at what's gone before."

# EZE WAY IS THE HARD WAY

■ POOL, CALM AND COLLECTED: Eberechi Eze tries his hand at a different sport yesterday

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## Serbs Pav a masterplan

■ from SIMON MULLOCK  
in Erfurt

**STRAHINJA PAVLOVIC** believes Serbia can take full advantage of England's defensive weaknesses.

The Red Bull Salzburg centre-back, who has been attracting admiring glances from Liverpool, has warned that Iceland gave the Serbs a perfect plan of attack for their Euro opener by humbling Gareth Southgate's men at Wembley.

The 23-year-old (inset) insists the Three Lions have flaws at the back that can be exposed if he is successful in keeping Harry Kane quiet at the other end.

Pavlovic said: "I would attack the English. I would go up there and try to press them. "Everyone has flaws, even the English.

"We saw how Iceland were able to threaten and defeat them. We are analysing everything.

"We have a difficult group. England have one of the best teams in the European Championship so the first game will be very difficult.

"What is their strength? They have a lot of quality players, especially in attack. They score a lot of goals.

"We have to be a team to do our best to stop these players."



## KANE'S THREE LION WHIP

**From Back Page** correctly. Defensively they're really strong.

"They make it difficult for us with their moves, and they have tall players, so they can be very dangerous.

"If we're not careful it could be a difficult game for us, so we need to make sure we get that right."

Kane, meanwhile, has revealed his nerves are building ahead of the opening game.

But he reckons

England have more than enough talent to go on and end the long wait for a major trophy.

The Bayern Munich striker added: "I'm excited but as the days go by you get a bit nervous, the preparation starts and when you see the first game, Germany against Scotland, that's when it really starts.

"We are a team that has never won a Euro, so we are trying to make history here. It is a goal we want to

achieve, but we know it will be a long, hard road.

"We have to make sure we do everything right, because if you are not 100 per cent in these tournaments, you can be punished.

"This squad is one of the best, if not the best, we've ever had when you look at the form and the leagues that many of us have played in.

"We've got incredible young talent who are fearless and just want to play."

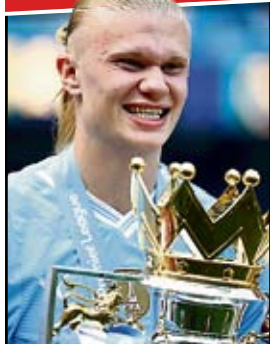


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**MONEY MAN:** Haaland

## Erling's billion reasons to stay

■ by **SIMON MULLOCK**

ERLING HAALAND'S agent insists that the striker is happy at Manchester City – after claiming he is on course to take his earnings through the £1bn barrier.

Rafaela Pimenta, the Brazilian lawyer who advises Haaland, has dismissed any suggestion that the two-time Golden Boot winner could walk away from the Etihad this summer now that a £175m buy-out clause in his contract can be triggered by foreign clubs.

City are hoping to persuade the 23-year-old goal machine to sign a new deal in the coming months that would allow them to renegotiate the clause.

And Pimenta confirmed the Norwegian ace is fully committed to the Premier League champions.

Asked if Haaland could now be a one-club man, Pimenta said: "I don't know – but I think the Erling Haaland project will last over time, over the

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# THREE LION WHIP



**RARING TO GO:** Kane trains yesterday

## Captain Kane warns team-mates to be wary of Serb threat

**HARRY KANE has fired a warning to England: Under-estimate Serbia at your peril.**

The Three Lions kick off their Euro 2024 campaign against the Balkan nation in Gelsenkirchen on Sunday night.

Gareth Southgate's men are favourites to cruise through Group C and go on to win the trophy, while Serbia are ranked

■ by **JEREMY CROSS** in Erfurt

33rd in the world and Dragan Stojkovic's side will be heavy underdogs in the game.

*But skipper Kane reckons they have the ability to hurt England, and wants his team-mates to show them the ultimate respect.*

He said: "They're a team that can hurt you if you're not set up  
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Bukayo  
Saka (left) and  
Phil Foden



**MIDFIELD  
MAESTROS:**  
Kobbie Mainoo  
(left) and Jude  
Bellingham



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## 3 Lions need energy, skill and luck to break Euros duck in Germany

**THE cream of European football has converged on Germany to see which team can become kings of the continent.**

And it's time for all the talking to stop and a feast of football to begin.

The 17th edition of the Euros will kick-off in Munich tonight when the host nation take on Scotland.

It will be the third time the European Championship has been played on German soil and the first time games will be staged in the former East Germany, with Leipzig one of the 10 venues.

Berlin's magnificent Olympiastadion, with a capacity of 70,000, will stage the final on July 14.

Group winners, runners-up and the best four third-placed teams all advance to the last 16 when the tournament enters the knockout phase.

England have never won it but start as bookies' favourites and are expected to cruise through Group C.

**With an abundance of attacking talent at his disposal, Gareth Southgate knows this will be his best chance yet to end England's long wait for another major trophy.**

But can the Three Lions get over that final hurdle, having gone close in their last three major tournaments?

As the great German philosopher Karl Marx once said: "Men make their own history."

And perhaps this is the best chance yet for England's vibrant stars like Harry Kane, Bukayo Saka, Cole Palmer and Jude Bellingham to write their name into football lore forever.

They face stiff competition. A young Spain side will meet defending champions Italy in Group B, while France find themselves in

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Group D alongside fellow heavyweights Holland and their inspirational captain Virgil van Dijk.

Didier Deschamps (*inset*), who guided the French to a 2018 World Cup triumph before finishing runners-up in the 2022 tournament to Argentina, will once again manage one of the teams to beat.

**From water carrier to serial winner, Deschamps will attempt to become just the second person after Germany's Berti Vogts to win a Euros as both player and manager.**

And he has Kylian Mbappe, certainly one of the best players in the world, to help him do it.

Elsewhere, this stage could prove to be the last dance for some of European football's most iconic players.

In Group F, Cristiano Ronaldo will lead Portugal's charge for glory at the ripe old age of 39.

Ronaldo, who has now amassed an astonishing 207 caps, will look to add a second title to his glittering CV, having won Euro 2016 in France.

Kevin De Bruyne, meanwhile, will celebrate his 33rd birthday during a tournament he has never had the privilege of winning.

Like England, De Bruyne has knocked on the door at international tournaments but never managed to help Belgium blow one down.

Fellow greats Luka Modric and Robert Lewandowski will also grace the big stage for the final time.

**And could Germany midfielder Toni Kroos produce a fairy-tale ending to his own glorious career by leading the hosts to a dream triumph?**

But the next few weeks will also be about the future and the chance for the likes of Lamine Yamal

(Spain), Jeremie Frimpong (Holland), Phil Foden (England), Bradley Barcola (France) and Joao Neves (Portugal) to announce themselves when it matters most.

Today, no one knows who will stand or fall in the coming month.

But from the first game tonight to the 51st on July 14, it will be a lot of fun finding out.



■ LIMBERING UP: England stars prepare for what they hope will be a marathon run through to Berlin

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■ IN WITH A SHOUT: Harry Kane can inspire England

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Kylan Mbappe  
and (below)  
Bukayo Saka



## SOUTHGATE CAN TAKE FINAL STEP

THE expectation levels have never been higher.

And this summer it is with good reason because England approach the Euros with a star-studded squad ready to win the trophy.

Gareth Southgate's men go into the tournament on the back of a run of disappointing results, with just one win in their last five games. Defeat to Iceland at Wembley in their final warm-up game was hardly the ideal send-off.

But Three Lions captain Harry Kane has urged the nation to judge the team on their tournament record – and England reached the 2018 World Cup semi-finals, the final of the last Euros and the World Cup quarter-finals in Qatar 18 months ago.

They have the players to take them even further because, in Jude Bellingham, they have arguably the best player in the world right now.

The 20-year-old has been sensational for Real Madrid, helping them win the Champions League and La Liga in his first season in Spain.

He now stands even taller in England's line-up and brings a stature, class and quality which can

from **JOHN CROSS** deliver the first major senior men's trophy since 1966.

Phil Foden has been the stand-out player in the Premier League and was the driving force behind Manchester City's fourth straight title.

Kane has been the best striker in Europe and, despite Bayern Munich's disappointing season, the England star has been prolific and proved he can deliver on the biggest stage.

Declan Rice has also enjoyed a memorable first year at Arsenal and the Three Lions have quality all over the pitch.

Southgate knows this could be his last chance with this group of players and, despite injuries, he has a 26-man squad to compete with the best.

France, Germany and Portugal will all fancy their chances, but this can and should be England's time.

The sheer number of games this past season and their disappointing build-up means tournament fever has yet to grip the nation.

But England can build that momentum by embracing the expectation levels because they'll rarely have a better chance.



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Declan Rice

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CRUNCHER**3** Germany share the record with Spain for the most titles.**10** Full number of nations to win the tournament, also including Italy and France twice apiece with one each for the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Holland, Denmark, Greece and Portugal.**3** Spain in 1964, Italy in 1968 and France in 1984 are the only hosts to have won the tournament.**14** Cristiano Ronaldo's goals for Portugal in Euro finals tournaments, easily an all-time record. Ronaldo

(inset) is five clear of Michel Platini's second-ranked tally, while the leading active

challenger is Platini's fellow Frenchman Antoine Griezmann on seven.

**9** Platini's goals all came at the 1984 tournament, making it a record for a single Euros.**1** Greece are the only nation to have won the trophy who did not qualify for this summer's tournament.**8** Euros finals have featured hat-tricks, including two for Platini. Spain's David Villa (below) in 2008 was the last man to achieve the feat.**4** Gareth Southgate will manage England at a fourth major tournament, having reached a final, a semi-final and a quarter-final in the previous three.**12** Harry Kane is England's record major tournament goalscorer, with four at Euro 2020 and eight at World Cups.**1** Georgia will be making their first appearance at the finals, the only debutant this summer.**14** Hosts Germany have appeared at more Euros final tournaments than any other nation – this will be their 14th.**40** Gold medals are presented to the winning team and 40 silver medals to the runners-up.**331m** The total prize money in Euros to be shared by 24 teams.**2.7m** Number of tickets for the 51 games with more than 80% of them available to the fans of the participating teams and the general public.**16,000** The number of volunteers on hand to try to ensure things run smoothly.

HOME RUN:  
Thomas  
Muller in action  
for Germany

MULLER'S  
TURN

The German Gerro  
backs his nation to  
rise again and forget  
their recent woes

**THE parallels with Steven Gerrard are striking and the acclaim for his distinguished career is reserved for those whose contribution is at elite level.**

But for Thomas Muller, much like Gerrard before him, nothing is better than home. It is the beat of his heart.

So with Germany not only hosting the tournament but basing themselves in Bavaria, he could hardly feel more thrilled, or at ease.

"Everyone's starting to get excited, not just me," said Muller of the national fervour ahead of his fourth, and presumably last, Euros.

"The whole team is looking forward to the challenge and finally getting things started.

"People have been talking a lot about the tournament since Christmas and we've also started thinking about it more and more.

"We're happy that people are starting to come together now that it's close to starting."

Born in the town of Weilheim in Oberbayern, some 30 miles from Munich, Muller is set to begin his 17th consecutive season with Bayern after the tournament.

Gerrard was born within 10 miles of Liverpool, where he played for 17 seasons. Muller, 34, has 707 games in the bank for his local team. Gerrard played 710 for Liverpool.

Muller has donned his nation's shirt 129 times. Gerrard had the Three Lions on his chest 114 times during his playing career.

**They even had one famous meeting at the 2010 World Cup in Bloemfontein, where England were denied Frank Lampard's clear goal before Muller scored twice in three minutes in a 4-1 win in the last 16.**

That was Muller's first year of international football. In the next few weeks he should pass Lukas Podolski – also a scorer in Bloemfontein – into third place on Germany's all-time appearances list behind only Lothar Matthaus and Miroslav Klose. And that is

■ by KEITH WEBSTER

despite being denied plenty more caps in 2019 and 2020 when coach Joachim Low refused to select him.

As he approaches the back end of his career with 12 Bundesliga titles, six German Cups, two Champions Leagues and a World Cup medal, nothing has dimmed his enthusiasm for playing for his country – and he thinks anticipation is rapidly rising in the nation.

"It's normal to see people going about their business wearing Germany kits here," he said. "I used to be one of them.

**"I hope the fans use the Euros as an opportunity to feel as happy as possible. If the national team contribute towards that in any way, people should get behind us and show their gratitude as much as possible.**

"We want to put in performances that even our biggest critics can't help but applaud."

That, indeed, has been an issue as Germany ready themselves for the Euros.

German fans are accustomed to arriving at tournaments as one of the favourites, so recent events – a 4-1 home loss against Japan and the firing of manager Hansi Flick – had a nation concerned that they would be also-rans until impressive wins over Holland and France in March made many believers again.

"We've got to believe in our ability to beat the big teams," added Muller as he looked forward to launching the tournament against Scotland tonight.

"You can't deny that we have players who are operating at a world-class level. We shouldn't hide but, at the same time, we can't expect everything to land in our laps.

"It's about more than scoring a nice goal. It's all about going the extra mile, about helping your team-mates out.

"That doesn't mean every player out there on the pitch has to be friends. It means everyone has to know what it takes to win as a team. You have to be bold but stay humble."





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**MEET YOUR MATCH:**  
Muller shadows  
Steven Gerrard in  
2010 World Cup



**WORLD STAR:**  
Müller scores  
against England in  
Bloemfontein. He is  
now up among the  
most-capped German  
stars with (above, from  
left) Lukas Podolski,  
Lothar Matthäus and  
Miroslav Klose



## THERE'S NO DOUBTING THOMAS' PASSION

IT COULD be any number of reasons but, whatever it is, 14 years and three months after his Germany debut, the fire still burns within Thomas Müller.

Maybe it is a desire to surpass Lothar Matthäus as Germany's all-time record caps holder.

Or it could be that he wants to add a Euros medal to his World Cup one and complete the set.

Perhaps it is making up for lost time after former manager Joachim Löw refused to pick him for two years.

In truth, it is most likely all of

■ **by KEITH WEBSTER**  
the above added to a simple hunger to pull on his national shirt, the way he did as a child when he was a fan. Even near the end of his career, he still wants to improve.

"I've always gotten positive feedback about my outlook," said Müller. "I'm not faking it – I want to have fun."

"That being said, it's about working, winning and improving, as well as finding time to relax and having fun while playing."

"You don't go the extra mile because someone tells you to,

rather because you feel like it. My job isn't to entertain, it's a case of helping players to integrate so everyone can bring their A game."

Müller's international career began on the night of March 3, 2010 in Munich in a friendly against Argentina.

He started and was replaced midway through the second half by fellow debutant Toni Kroos. Not a bad debut double.

Now, with Kroos (pictured right with Müller) about to retire, the dynamic duo will be hoping for one final fling on home turf.



## TIME TO HOG THAT REMOTE...

### JUNE 14

GP A, Munich: **Germany v Scotland** (8pm, ITV)

### JUNE 15

A, Cologne: **Hungary v Switzerland** (2pm, ITV)

B, Berlin: **Spain v Croatia** (5pm, ITV)

B, Dortmund: **Italy v Albania** (8pm BBC)

### JUNE 16

D, Hamburg: **Poland v Holland** (2pm, BBC)

C, Stuttgart: **Slovenia v Denmark** (5pm, ITV)

C, Gelsenkirchen: **Serbia v England** (8pm, BBC)

### JUNE 17

E, Munich: **Romania v Ukraine** (2pm, BBC)

E, Frankfurt: **Belgium v Slovakia** (5pm, ITV)

D, Dusseldorf: **Austria v France** (8pm, ITV)

### JUNE 18

F, Dortmund: **Turkey v Georgia** (5pm, BBC)

F, Leipzig: **Portugal v Czech Rep** (8pm BBC)

### JUNE 19

B, Hamburg: **Croatia v Albania** (2pm, ITV)

A, Stuttgart: **Germany v Hungary** (5pm, BBC)

A, Cologne: **Scotland v Switzerland** (8pm, BBC)

### JUNE 20

C, Munich: **Slovenia v Serbia** (2pm, ITV)

C, Frankfurt: **Denmark v England** (5pm, BBC)

B, Gelsenkirchen: **Spain v Italy** (8pm, ITV)

### JUNE 21

E, Dusseldorf: **Slovakia v Ukraine** (2pm, BBC)

D, Berlin: **Poland v Austria** (5pm, ITV)

D, Leipzig: **Holland v France** (8pm, BBC)

### JUNE 22

F, Hamburg: **Georgia v Czech Rep** (2pm, BBC)

F, Dortmund: **Turkey v Portugal** (5pm, ITV)

E, Cologne: **Belgium v Romania** (8pm, ITV)

### JUNE 23

A, Frankfurt: **Switzerland v Germany** (8pm, BBC)

A, Stuttgart: **Scotland v Hungary** (8pm, BBC)

### JUNE 24

B, Leipzig: **Croatia v Italy** (8pm, BBC)

B, Dusseldorf: **Albania v Spain** (8pm, BBC)

### JUNE 25

D, Berlin: **Holland v Austria** (5pm, BBC)

D, Dortmund: **France v Poland** (5pm, BBC)

C, Cologne: **England v Slovenia** (8pm, ITV)

C, Munich: **Denmark v Serbia** (8pm, ITV)

### JUNE 26

E, Frankfurt: **Slovakia v Romania** (5pm, BBC)

E, Stuttgart: **Ukraine v Belgium** (5pm, BBC)

F, Hamburg: **Czech Rep v Turkey** (8pm, ITV)

F, Gelsenkirchen: **Georgia v Portugal** (8pm, ITV)

### JUNE 29

#### ROUND OF 16

Match 1, Berlin: **Runner-up A v R-up B** (5pm)

Match 2, Dortmund: **Winner A v R-up C** (8pm)

### JUNE 30

Match 3, G'kirchen: **Winner C v 3rd D/E/F** (5pm)

Match 4, Cologne: **R-up B v 3rd A/D/E/F** (8pm)

### JULY 1

Match 5, Dusseldorf: **R-up D v R-up E** (5pm)

Match 6, Frankfurt: **Winner F v 3rd A/B/C** (8pm)

### JULY 2

Match 7, Munich: **Winner E v 3rd A/B/C/D** (5pm)

Match 8, Leipzig: **Winner D v R-up F** (8pm)

### JULY 5

#### QUARTER-FINALS

Stuttgart: **Winner 3 v Winner 1** (5pm)

Hamburg: **Winner 5 v Winner 6** (8pm)

### JULY 6

Dusseldorf: **Winner 4 v Winner 2** (5pm)

Berlin: **Winner 7 v Winner 8** (8pm)

### JULY 9

#### SEMI-FINALS

Munich: **Winner QF1 v Winner QF2** (8pm)

### JULY 10

Dortmund: **Winner QF3 v winner QF4** (8pm)

### JULY 14

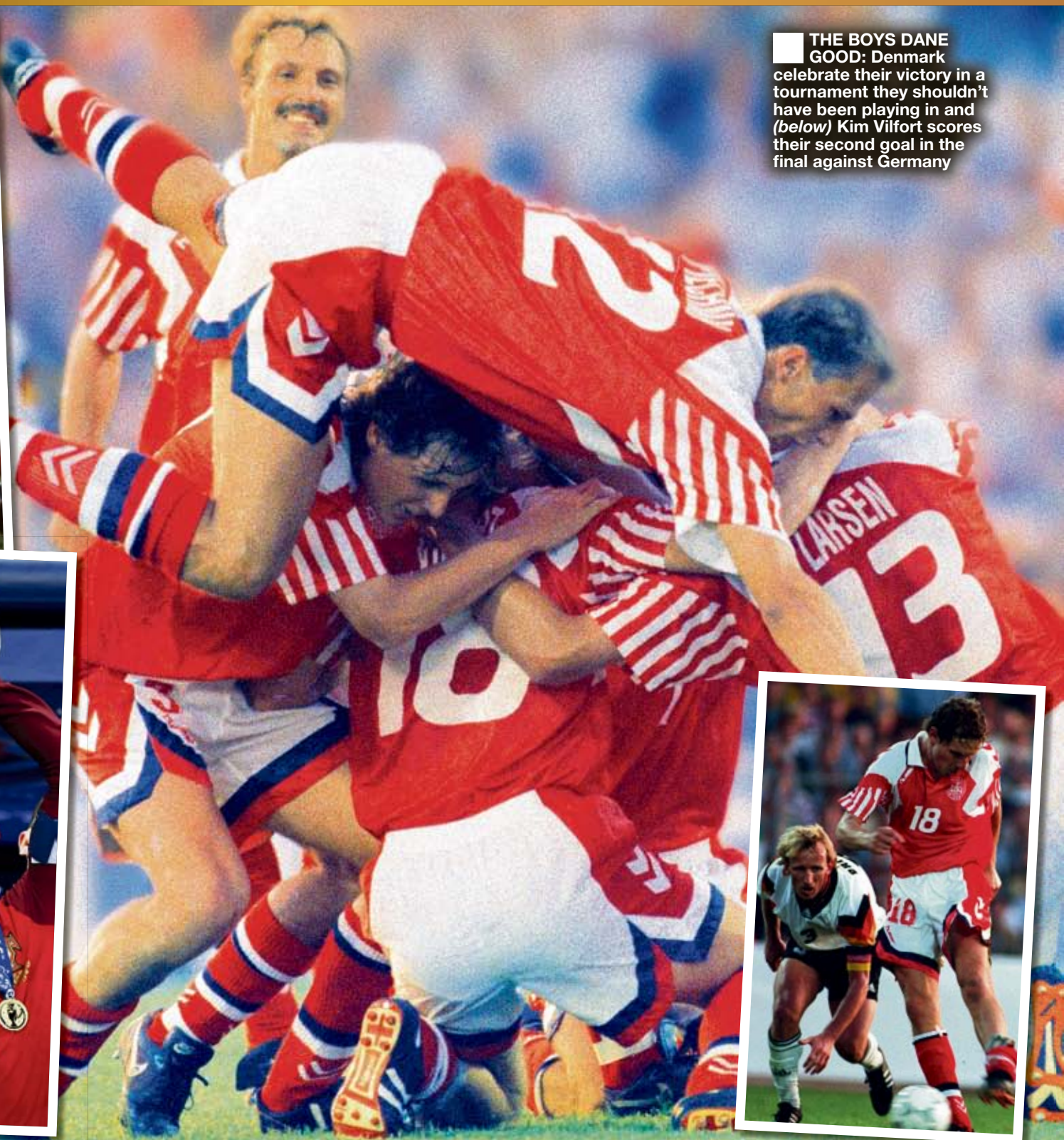
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**FRENCH BLISS:** Michel Platini is hugged by teammates after scoring in the 1984 final win against Spain



**THE BOYS DANE GOOD:** Denmark celebrate their victory in a tournament they shouldn't have been playing in and (below) Kim Vilfort scores their second goal in the final against Germany



**CR HEAVEN:** Ronaldo (right) and Pepe with the trophy after their 2016 win over France



## THAT CRAZY PENALTY, PLATINI'S MAGIC Y



**DINK-CREDIBLE:** Antonin Panenka scores his famous penalty in the 1976 final

**1960** Host: France. Winner: Soviet Union. The first version of the competition was named the European Nations Cup and held in France. The finals featured just four teams after 17 teams competed to reach the main event, which started at the semi-final stage. The Soviet Union triumphed after a 2-1 extra-time win over Yugoslavia.

**1964** Host: Spain. Winner: Spain. The second tournament followed the same format as the first edition, although this time 29 teams battled it out to reach the finals, which again started with the semis. Spain won the trophy after a 2-1 win over the Soviet Union at the Bernabeu.

**1968** Host: Italy. Winner: Italy.

The tournament was renamed the European Championship and was won again by the hosts. The qualifying process was changed to include a group stage with the eight group winners progressing to the two-legged, home and away quarter-finals. The final tournament again started with semis, with Italy seeing off Yugoslavia after a replay.

**1972** Host: Belgium. Winner: West Germany. The same format was used for the fourth European Championship in Belgium. The Belgians were only picked as hosts after the qualifying round as rival candidates England and Italy didn't make the last four. West Germany triumphed after a 3-0 win over the Soviet Union.

**1976** Host: Yugoslavia. Winner: Czechoslovakia. This was the last one featuring a

four-team final tournament for which the hosts had to qualify. Czechoslovakia won the title thanks to a 5-3 penalties triumph over West Germany. The Panenka penalty was born in this tournament after Antonin Panenka's winning spot-kick.

**1980** Host: Italy. Winner: West Germany. Eight teams qualified for the finals. The teams were split into two groups of four – the winners meeting in the final and the runners-up in a play-off. West Germany claimed their second title with a 2-1 win over Belgium, with Horst Hrubesch scoring both, the winner a header from a corner two minutes from time.

**1984** Host: France. Winner: France. France pipped Germany to host the tournament for the first time



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# ONE SHOT, ONE OPPORTUNITY...

## Stars who seized the day and went down in history

**CRISTIANO RONALDO entering his sixth Euros is the exception, not the rule. Most players will get one or two shots at it, three if they really last.**

The Euros comes round once every four years, so to be able to say you won it – just like the quadrennial World Cup – is something few can claim when they finally hang up their boots.

The images of those who seized the day and snatched the moment in the final to write their names in football's history books burn brightly no matter how many years pass.

*Michel Platini's turn and shot for France's second goal in 1984; Marco van Basten's impossible volley in 1988; Kim Vilfort going one way and then the other to seal Denmark's stunning win over Germany in 1992.*

Each moment frozen in time. Each scorer a national hero.

Oliver Bierhoff at Wembley in 1996 and David Trezeguet in

■ by **KEITH WEBSTER**

Amsterdam four years later – both scorers of Golden Goals that won the trophy for Germany and France respectively in dramatic fashion.

The iconic image of Trezeguet tearing off his shirt in celebration of his blistering strike into the roof of the net may have sparked dreams in young French boys who went on to form the World Cup-winning team 18 years later.

England will hope they can add their name to the 10 nations who have won the trophy since the first tournament 64 years ago.

Russia, Italy, Spain, Germany, Czechoslovakia, France, Holland, Denmark, Greece and Portugal form the roll of honour from the previous 16 tournaments.

Who will dare to make their mark in 2024?

England were within 25 minutes of doing it last time, only for lifetime-legend status to turn to despair and tears as Italy swooped in to take home first prize and

leave Gareth Southgate's players with the gut-wrenching emptiness that can fuel a challenge next time.

*It is tough to imagine any first-time champion other than England, who will be tested to the limit by the usual suspects who have won it before.*

But as Denmark won it in a year when they actually failed to qualify

for the finals, and Greece lifted the trophy against all odds – and spoiled host Portugal's party, Ronaldo and all – underdogs have shown that a moment of glory can await a movie extra every bit as much as a Hollywood star.

Here we take a look at the 16 previous winners as the competition begins to find the next heroes.



**DUTCH MASTER:** Marco van Basten with the trophy after his wonderful goal (left)



## EAR AND WHEN GREECE STOLE THE SHOW

and then claimed their first major tournament win, beating Spain 2-0 in the final. Michel Platini was the star of the show with nine goals in just five games, including two group-stage hat-tricks. Still the last host to win the tournament.

**1988 Host: West Germany. Winner: Holland.**

Holland claimed their only European crown, beating the Soviet Union 2-0 in the final at Bayern Munich's Olympiastadion. The tournament's five-goal top scorer Marco van Basten scored one of football's most iconic goals, a dipping volley from a narrow angle.

**1992 Host: Sweden. Winner: Denmark.**

A memorable triumph for the Danes. Their players were on the beach having initially failed to

qualify, but cut short their holidays after being drafted in to replace disqualified Yugoslavia. The Danes sealed the fairy-tale with a shock 2-0 win over Germany thanks to John Jensen's thunderbolt and a memorable run and shot in off the post from Kim Vilfort.

**1996 Host: England. Winner: Germany.**

Football came home and the trophy nearly did too as hosts England were edged out in the semis on penalties by eventual winners Germany. This was the first European Championship to feature 16 teams and the first major championships to be decided by a Golden Goal.

**2000 Hosts: Belgium and Holland. Winner: France.**

England and Germany renewed

their rivalry, with Alan Shearer scoring the only goal, but both teams failed to get out of the group. The tournament was again decided by a Golden Goal when David Trezeguet struck a beauty against Italy to help France add the trophy to their World Cup win of two years earlier.

**2004 Host: Portugal. Winner: Greece.**

Teenagers Wayne Rooney and Cristiano Ronaldo announced themselves on the international stage. But in a tournament full of shocks, Greece produced the biggest of all to triumph with a 1-0 final win over the hosts. Big guns Spain, Italy and Germany all failed to get out of their groups.

**2008 Hosts: Austria and Switzerland. Winner: Spain.**

The second co-hosted European Championship saw undefeated Spain beat Germany 1-0 in the Vienna final thanks to Fernando Torres' smart finish. Spain were only the second country to win all of their group games and take home the trophy, with the success marking the start of La Roja's period of international dominance.

**2012 Hosts: Poland and Ukraine. Winner: Spain.**

Once again, Spain had too much for their rivals and claimed the silverware after hammering Italy 4-0 in the final, with goals from David Silva, Jordi Alba, that man Fernando Torres again and Juan Mata. Spain were the first country to win successive Euros and three straight major tournaments after their 2010 World Cup win in South Africa.

**2016 Host: France. Winner: Portugal.**

The first tournament to feature 24 teams saw double defending champions Spain beaten by Italy in the last 16, while England, shockingly, fell at the same hurdle against Iceland. Cristiano Ronaldo led Portugal to a major title, even though he hobbled off early in a final won by Eder's extra-time goal against France.

**2020 Host: Multiple nations. Winner: Italy.**

Eleven cities hosted the games across Europe but England staged both semis and the final at Wembley. Played a year later than planned due to Covid, England fans began to believe football was coming home when Luke Shaw put them ahead in the final, only for their nemesis – penalties – to strike again as Italy snatched glory.



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## GROUP A

## GERMANY

**COACH:** JULIAN NAGELSMANN  
**KEY PLAYER:** JAMAL MUSIALA  
**EUROS BEST:** WINNERS (1972, 1980, 1996)

Having suffered another World Cup failure in Qatar, Germany eventually sacked manager Hansi Flick last September following a run of just four wins in 17 matches. Former Bayern Munich boss Nagelsmann has slowly steadied the ship, with back-to-back victories over France and Holland in March friendlies raising belief of a solid run in the tournament on home soil.



## SCOTLAND

**COACH:** STEVE CLARKE (inset)  
**KEY PLAYER:** SCOTT MCTOMINAY  
**EUROS BEST:** GROUP STAGE

(1992, 1996, 2020)

After finishing runners-up in their qualifying group to Spain, the Tartan Army will be hoping to celebrate a long-awaited first win at the Euros finals since 1996. Clarke's side, though, will need to show an improvement from a lacklustre home loss against Northern Ireland in March.

## HUNGARY

**COACH:** MARCO ROSSI  
**KEY PLAYER:** DOMINIK SZOBOSZLAI

**EUROS BEST:** SEMI-FINALS (1964, 1972)

Captained by Liverpool's attack-minded midfielder Szoboszlai, Hungary have reached a third straight Euros finals. The fixtures against Scotland and Switzerland will be key to hopes of further progress for the Magyars, who could be one of the tournament's dark horses.

## SWITZERLAND

**COACH:** MURAT YAKIN  
**KEY PLAYER:** XHERDAN SHAQIRI  
**EUROS BEST:** QUARTER-FINALS (2020)

Switzerland – who made the quarter-finals of Euro 2020 after beating then world champions France on penalties – continued their fine qualification record as group runners-up. Could ex-Liverpool attacker Shaqiri, former Arsenal captain Granit Xhaka and Newcastle defender Fabian Schar all be set for their international swansong?

**CRUNCH TIME:**  
 Scott McTominay goes in for a challenge in a clash with Holland



## GROUP B

## SPAIN

**COACH:** LUIS DE LA FUENTE  
**KEY PLAYER:** RODRI (left)  
**EUROS BEST:** WINNERS (1964, 2008, 2012)

Having taken over from Luis Enrique after Spain were knocked out of the World Cup, former Under-21s boss De la Fuente stepped in to oversee a successful Euros qualifying campaign. The squad still have plenty of depth and also rising talent as La Roja seek a record fourth European Championship title – despite being in the proverbial 'Group of Death'.

## CROATIA

**COACH:** ZLATKO DALIC  
**KEY PLAYER:** LUKA MODRIC  
**EUROS BEST:** QUARTER-FINALS (1996, 2008)

Croatia continue to punch above their weight under long-term coach Dalic, building on third place at the 2022 World Cup to finish runners-up in the Nations

League. Can veteran Real Madrid playmaker Modric help push Croatia past the last eight of the Euros for the first time?

## ITALY

**COACH:** LUCIANO SPALLETTI  
**KEY PLAYER:** NICOLO BARELLA  
**EUROS BEST:** WINNERS (1968, 2020)

The defending champions – who beat England on penalties in the final at Wembley three years ago – finished behind Gareth Southgate's team in their qualifying group, having started the campaign under Roberto Mancini before Spalletti got the Azzurri over the line.

## ALBANIA

**COACH:** SYLVINHO  
**KEY PLAYER:** JASIR ASANI  
**EUROS BEST:** GROUP STAGE (2016)

The Eagles – managed by former Arsenal full-back Sylvinho – topped their qualifying group ahead of Czech Republic to secure a second major tournament appearance. Albania's challenge should not be taken too lightly, with Chelsea's Armando Broja hoping to lead the line.

## GROUP D

## FRANCE

**COACH:** DIDIER DESCHAMPS  
**KEY PLAYER:** KYLIAN MBAPPE (right)  
**EUROS BEST:** WINNERS (1984, 2000)

Les Bleus head to Germany as one of the tournament favourites after sweeping through qualifying unbeaten ahead of Holland. Deschamps' squad boasts an array of talent, with Mbappe again expected to push them on through the knockout stage.

## HOLLAND

**COACH:** RONALD KOEMAN  
**KEY PLAYER:** VIRGIL VAN DIJK  
**EUROS BEST:** WINNERS (1988)

Oranje boss Koeman – who was part of the Dutch squad which won Euro '88 – guided his team to the Nations League finals on home soil last summer. Can Liverpool defender Van Dijk lead the current crop to glory in Germany?

## POLAND

**COACH:** MICHAL PROBIERZ  
**KEY PLAYER:** ROBERT LEWANDOWSKI  
**EUROS BEST:** QUARTER-FINALS (2016)

After finishing only third in qualifying, Poland had to come through the play-offs – edging past Wales after a dramatic penalty shoot-out in Cardiff. Nevertheless, with talisman Lewandowski leading the attack, the Poles remain in with a shout of making it to the last 16.

## AUSTRIA

**COACH:** RALF RANGNICK  
**KEY PLAYER:** MARCEL SABITZER  
**EUROS BEST:** LAST 16 (2020)

Former Manchester United interim boss Rangnick took Austria through as group runners-up in qualifying behind Belgium. Austria beat Germany in a friendly in November, but hopes of further progress this summer look to have been hampered by a serious knee injury for captain David Alaba.

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## GROUP C

### ENGLAND

**COACH:** GARETH SOUTHGATE (*inset*)

**KEY PLAYER:** JUDE BELLINGHAM

**EUROS BEST:** RUNNERS-UP (2020)

England continued their impressive qualification record with another unbeaten campaign, conceding just four goals. With Harry Kane fronting an array of attacking talent – including the likes of Phil Foden, Bukayo Saka, Cole Palmer and Bellingham – there is real hope Southgate's squad can end a 58-year wait for a major international trophy.



forward Hojlund will be key to hopes of progress.

### SERBIA

**COACH:** DRAGAN STOJKOVIC

**KEY PLAYER:** ALEKSANDAR MITROVIC

**EUROS BEST:** QUARTER-FINALS (2000, AS SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO)

After a poor World Cup, Stojkovic's side made it through to a first Euros finals since 2000, then as Serbia and Montenegro. There is plenty of talent in the squad, which includes former Fulham striker Mitrovic, captain Dusan Tadic and AC Milan forward Luka Jovic.

### SLOVENIA

**COACH:** MATJAZ KEK

**KEY PLAYER:** BENJAMIN SESKO

**EUROS BEST:** GROUP STAGE (2000)

Captained by veteran Atletico Madrid goalkeeper Jan Oblak, Slovenia are through to a first major tournament since the 2010 World Cup. While hopes of making history by getting into the knockout stage look a long shot, RB Leipzig forward Benjamin Sesko will be one to watch.



**SLIDE RULE:**  
Jude Bellingham stretches to get in a shot for England

### DENMARK

**COACH:** KASPER HJULMAND

**KEY PLAYER:** RASMUS HOJLUND

**EUROS BEST:** WINNERS (1992)

Denmark also topped their qualifying group – albeit only on head-to-head record over Slovenia – as Hjulmand's squad looked to recover from a disappointing 2022 World Cup in Qatar. The goals of Manchester United

## BELGIUM

**COACH:** DOMENICO TEDESCO

**KEY PLAYER:** KEVIN DE BRUYNE (*right*)

**EUROS BEST:** RUNNERS-UP (1980)

Red Devils boss Tedesco has slowly put his mark on the squad since taking over in February 2023. The players may no longer be such a 'golden generation' but with Manchester City playmaker De Bruyne still pulling the strings in midfield and Arsenal forward Leandro Trossard among the goals, Belgium could be set for another deep run.

## UKRAINE

**COACH:** SERHIY REBROV

**KEY PLAYER:** ARTEM DOVBYK

**EUROS BEST:** QUARTER-FINALS (2020)

Ukraine progressed through two play-off games as a late goal from Chelsea winger Mykhaylo Mudryk beat Iceland to book their spot in Germany. Appearing at a first major international tournament since Russia's invasion in 2022, Rebrov's squad – with Girona striker Artem Dovbyk in good form – will have plenty of support.

## ROMANIA

**COACH:** EDWARD IORDANESCU

**KEY PLAYER:** GEORGE PUSCAS

**EUROS BEST:** QUARTER-FINALS (2000)

After an impressive qualification campaign as unbeaten group winners, Romania – with Tottenham central defender Radu Dragusin in the squad – will be hoping to make an impact at a first tournament since 2016.

## SLOVAKIA

**COACH:** FRANCESCO CALZONA

**KEY PLAYER:** ONDREJ DUDA

**EUROS BEST:** LAST 16 (2016)

Slovakia finished behind Portugal in qualifying – with manager Calzona having successfully combined international duties towards the end of the campaign after taking over at Napoli – and reached a third consecutive Euro finals. However, hopes of getting out of the group, as they did in 2016, appear remote.

## GROUP E



## GROUP F

### PORTUGAL

**COACH:** ROBERTO MARTINEZ (*left*)

**KEY PLAYER:** CRISTIANO RONALDO

**EUROS BEST:** WINNERS (2016)

With former Belgium boss Martinez in charge, Portugal coasted through qualifying with a perfect record – the only team to win all 10 games – and conceded just two goals. Tougher opposition awaits in Germany, which will be the 11th major tournament finals for 39-year-old Ronaldo.

### CZECH REPUBLIC

**COACH:** IVAN HASEK

**KEY PLAYER:** PATRIK SCHICK

**EUROS BEST:** RUNNERS-UP (1996)

The Czechs have proved consistent qualifiers for the Euros since reaching the 1996 final at Wembley, making it through for an eighth successive appearance. Hasek's squad have plenty of experience – including West Ham's Tomas Soucek and Bayer Leverkusen forward Schick – which could see them through to the knockout stage.

### TURKEY

**COACH:** VINCENZO MONTELLA

**KEY PLAYER:** HAKAN CALHANOGU

**EUROS BEST:** SEMI-FINALS (2008)

After topping their qualifying group ahead of Croatia and Wales, Montella's squad will be focused on avoiding another early tournament exit – a fate they have suffered in the past two Euros finals. Inter Milan midfielder Calhanoglu will again be at the heart of the side, with Real Madrid's Arda Guler aiming to shine on the big stage.

### GEORGIA

**COACH:** WILLY SAGNOL

**KEY PLAYER:** KHVICHIA KVARATSKHELIA

**EUROS BEST:** FIRST APPEARANCE

Despite finishing fourth in qualifying, Sagnol's side went into the play-offs on the back of their Nations League campaign. Georgia defied the odds to reach a first international competition as an independent nation by beating Luxembourg and then Greece on penalties. Napoli forward Kvaratskhelia will carry his country's hopes.



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Hungary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Italy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Denmark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Austria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Romania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Portugal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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# EURO 2024

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### DORTMUND: BVB STADIUM

**CAPACITY:** 62,000.

**HISTORY:** This is Germany's largest football stadium. It has a capacity of more than 81,000, which has been reduced for the Euros due to international regulations. The ground's famous 'Yellow Wall', the continent's biggest all-standing terrace, will be all-seating during the tournament.

**MATCHES:** Group stage, Italy vs Albania (Tomorrow, 8pm), Turkey v Georgia (June 18, 5pm), Turkey v Portugal (June 22, 5pm), France v Poland (June 25, 5pm); Last 16, 1A v 2C (June 29, 8pm); Semi-final, (July 10, 8pm).


### HAMBURG: VOLKSPARKSTADION

**CAPACITY:** 49,000.

**HISTORY:** Germany's second-largest city will stage four group games and a quarter-final. Hosted the 2010 Europa League final when Fulham lost 2-1 to Atletico Madrid and a 2006 World Cup quarter-final. It was built in 1953 - Hamburg moved into the stadium in 1963 - and has had several upgrades.

**MATCHES:** Group stage, Poland v Holland (June 16, 2pm), Croatia v Albania (June 19, 2pm), Georgia v Czech Republic (June 22, 2pm), Czech Republic v Turkey (June 26, 8pm); Quarter-final (July 5, 8pm).


### BERLIN: OLYMPIC STADIUM

**CAPACITY:** 71,000.

**HISTORY:** Germany's capital will host the final on July 14, one of the quarter-finals and three group games. Home to Hertha Berlin, it is the tournament's biggest venue and staged the 2006 World Cup final and the 2015 Champions League final.

**MATCHES:** Group stage, Spain v Croatia (Tomorrow, 5pm), Poland v Austria (June 21, 5pm), Holland v Austria (June 25, 5pm); Last 16, 2A v 2B (June 29, 5pm); Quarter-final (July 6, 8pm); Final (July 14, 8pm).


### GELSENKIRCHEN: ARENA AUF SCHALKE

**CAPACITY:** 50,000.

**HISTORY:** Another Euro 2024 venue with a retractable roof, this one also has a slide-out pitch. Constructed in 2004 to replace Schalke's outdated Parkstadion, it will host England's opening group game. Three Lions fans will be familiar with it - Wayne Rooney was sent off here against Portugal at the 2006 World Cup.

**MATCHES:** Group stage, Serbia v England (June 16, 8pm), Spain v Italy (June 20, 8pm), Georgia v Portugal (June 26, 8pm); Last 16, 1C v 3D/E/F (June 30, 5pm).


### DUSSELDORF ARENA

**CAPACITY:** 47,000.

**HISTORY:** Home to Fortuna Dusseldorf, the arena has a retractable roof and construction was completed in 2004 when it replaced the Rheinstadion. It was not a chosen venue for the 2006 World Cup but has since hosted international matches. Three group games, a last-16 tie and a quarter-final will be held here.

**MATCHES:** Group stage, Austria v France (June 17, 8pm), Slovakia v Ukraine (June 21, 2pm), Albania v Spain (June 24, 8pm); Last 16, 2D v 2E (July 1, 5pm); Quarter-final (July 6, 5pm).

### COLOGNE STADIUM

**CAPACITY:** 43,000.

**HISTORY:** Both England and Scotland play one of their group games in Cologne, which will also host one of the round-of-16 matches. Previously known as the Müngersdorfer and home to Cologne since 1923, it was redeveloped to host group games at the 2006 World Cup.

**MATCHES:** Group stage, Hungary v Switzerland (Tomorrow, 2pm), Scotland v Switzerland (June 19, 8pm), Belgium v Romania (June 22, 8pm), England v Slovenia (June 25, 8pm); Last 16, 1B v 3A/B/C/D (June 30, 8pm).


### FRANKFURT ARENA

**CAPACITY:** 47,000.

**HISTORY:** Built in 1925, the Frankfurt Arena also has a retractable roof following several upgrades. England play Denmark here. It hosted matches at Euro '88 and the 2006 World Cup, and staged two NFL games last year when Kansas City beat Miami and Indianapolis defeated New England.

**MATCHES:** Group stage, Belgium v Slovakia (June 17, 5pm), Denmark v England (June 20, 5pm), Switzerland v Germany (June 23, 8pm), Slovakia v Romania (June 26, 5pm); Last 16, 1F v 3A/B/C (July 1, 8pm).


### STUTTGART ARENA

**CAPACITY:** 51,000.

**HISTORY:** Has a long tradition of staging major sporting events, dating back to the 1959 European Cup final. It was a venue for the 1974 and 2006 World Cups and also hosted the 1993 World Athletics Championships before being redeveloped into a football-specific stadium in 2009. Scotland will play Hungary here.

**MATCHES:** Group stage, Slovenia v Denmark (June 16, 5pm), Germany v Hungary (June 19, 5pm), Scotland v Hungary (June 23, 8pm), Ukraine v Belgium (June 26, 5pm); Quarter-final (July 5, 5pm).


### MUNICH FOOTBALL ARENA

**CAPACITY:** 66,000.

**HISTORY:** Bayern Munich's home stadium will host one of the semis as well as a last-16 match and four group games, including Scotland's opener against the hosts. Chelsea beat Bayern on penalties to win the 2012 Champions League final at the venue, which also hosted Italy's 2-1 Euro 2020 quarter-final victory against Belgium.

**MATCHES:** Group stage, Germany vs Scotland (Tonight, 8pm), Romania v Ukraine (June 17, 2pm), Slovenia v Serbia (June 20, 2pm), Denmark v Serbia (June 25, 8pm); Last 16, 1E v 3A/B/C/D (July 7, 5pm); Semi-final (July 9, 8pm).


### LEIPZIG STADIUM

**CAPACITY:** 40,000.

**HISTORY:** The largest football venue in eastern Germany was rebuilt in 2004 and renovated in 2015. It was a 2006 World Cup venue and has been home to Bundesliga side Leipzig since the 2009-10 season. Three group games, including Holland versus France, and a round-of-16 tie will be staged here.

**MATCHES:** Group stage, Portugal v Czech Republic (June 18, 8pm), Holland v France (June 21, 8pm), Croatia v Italy (June 24, 8pm); Last 16, 1D v 2F (July 2, 8pm).

Here's our spotlight on the grounds where the action will take place in Germany this summer...





# KINDER SURPRISE

## Young stars primed to light up Germany



### Florian Wirtz, Germany, 21

Would have gone to Qatar as a teenager if not for an ACL injury but now back and a Bundesliga winner with Leverkusen.

Has a great engine and gets all over the pitch from his role as an attacking midfielder but is also comfortable playing wide on the left, where his desire to get forward at pace causes problems.

France will be wary if they run into Germany – it was Wirtz, three months ago, who scored after just seven seconds when he worked a trick move from kick-off with Toni Kroos and smashed home from 25 yards.



### Lamine Yamal, Spain, 16

The final will be played in Berlin one day after this amazing talent turns 17. That would be quite the weekend.

The left-footer has earned comparisons to Lionel Messi with his preference to play wide right and come inside, but it is his passing, vision and ability to bring others into play that really grabs the attention.

Made his debut for Spain last September at 16 years and 57 days, becoming the youngest player and scorer when he netted against Georgia.



ENGLAND fans will go into this tournament excited to see youngsters like Jude Bellingham, Cole Palmer, Kobbie Mainoo (below) and Adam Wharton appearing on the international stage. But Gareth Southgate doesn't have a monopoly on the youth market and here **KEITH WEBSTER**

takes a look at the new kids on the block for other nations who could be household names in a month's time.



### Bradley Barcola, France, 21

Kylian Mbappe hogged the limelight in his final season in the French capital but what a year for this youngster, who can play any of the three frontline positions.

He left Lyon to join Paris St-Germain last August, becoming the 500th player for the club. Scored his first Champions League goal in February against Real Sociedad, then, in May, received his first call-up.

Made his France debut as a substitute nine minutes from time against Luxembourg on June 5 but that was enough time to get his first assist, setting up Mbappe to score.



### Xavi Simons, Holland, 21

A surprise inclusion for Qatar 2022, he made a seven-minute sub appearance but has already lived a life in the spotlight. Signed a deal with Nike at 13, moved to Adidas at 18 and then Puma last year.

Starred with Neymar, Kevin De Bruyne, Ronaldinho, Philippe Coutinho and Andrea Pirlo in Nike's 'Awaken the Phantom' advert at 15 and by 16 had two million Instagram followers.

But can he play? Eight Bundesliga goals and 11 assists last season at RB Leipzig on loan from Paris St-Germain certainly suggests promise. This would be a good time to shine.



### Arda Guler, Turkey, 19

Wales fans need no reminding of Guler's first international goal last June when he curled home an outrageous strike in a Euros qualifier.

Two weeks later, Real Madrid signed him from Fenerbahce for €20m to join England's Jude Bellingham in their summer spending spree.

Injury kept the winger out until January but he scored on his La Liga debut five minutes after coming on and scored again on his first league start.



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